

# who owns it all?

the owner's manual | week one

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**PS. 24:1**

## What Do the Scriptures Tell Us about Money and Possessions?

Old Testament

**Psalm 24:1 | Psalm 50:10–12 | Deuteronomy 10:14 |**

**Exodus 19:5 | 1 Chronicles 29:11–12 | Leviticus 25:23**

New Testament

**Romans 11:36 | 1 Corinthians 10:26 | Revelation 4:11 | Colossians 1:15–17**

### **Luke 12:32–49 (NIV)**

#### God Entrusts His Possessions to His People, and They Come with Responsibilities

- The master puts the servant in charge of his household, giving him authority and responsibility.
- Principle: What we have is entrusted to us by God. We are stewards, not owners.

### **1 Corinthians 6:18–20 (NIV) | Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**

#### Faithfulness is Rewarded

- The servant who faithfully manages the household is blessed and set over all possessions.
- Principle: God rewards obedience and faithful use of what He gives. Our faithfulness matters to Him.

## Delay does not excuse Abuse or Negligence

- The unfaithful servant assumes the master's delay allows him to act selfishly, abusing his authority.
- Principle: God's timing should not lead to complacency or misuse of what He entrusts to us. Delay doesn't nullify accountability.

## Accountability is Proportional to Responsibility

- Verse 48: "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required..."
- Principle: The more God entrusts to you, the greater the responsibility and the stricter the accountability.

## Ignorance is not Always an Excuse, but God is Always Just

- Those who act wrongly despite not knowing will be judged less severely than those who know His will.
- Principle: God considers knowledge and opportunity in His judgment, but moral responsibility remains.

## Stewardship is Active, not Passive, but Proactive

- Faithfulness involves actively doing what God expects, not just avoiding overt sin.
- Principle: We are called to actively serve, invest, and manage what God gives for His purposes, not merely "don't mess it up".
- James 4:17 (NIV)"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."

## We were bought with a price | What did Jesus buy?

**Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) | Galatians 2:19-20 (NIV)**

