

Everything Belongs to God

Learning to Live as a Faithful Manager Instead of an Owner

Theme Verse

"Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand."

—1 Chronicles 29:14

DAY 1

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Devotional

King David had every reason to believe he had earned everything he possessed. He was the king of Israel. He had conquered enemies, built a kingdom, and accumulated incredible wealth. Yet when the people generously gave toward the construction of God's temple, David made an astonishing statement:

"Everything comes from You."

David understood something that many people spend a lifetime trying to learn:

We own nothing. God owns everything.

Every paycheck. Every talent. Every opportunity. Every relationship. Every possession. They are all gifts from God. When we begin believing that everything belongs to us, we naturally become protective, anxious, and fearful. But when we recognize that everything belongs to God, our perspective changes.

We move from ownership to stewardship.

Instead of asking, *"How much of my money should I give to God?"*

We begin asking, *"Lord, how do You want me to manage what already belongs to You?"*

That single shift changes everything.

Reflect

- Do I honestly believe everything I have belongs to God?
- What areas of my life am I holding onto most tightly?
- What would change if I truly lived like a steward instead of an owner?

Prayer

Father, thank You for every blessing You have placed in my life. Forgive me for acting as though it all belongs to me. Help me remember that everything I have comes from You. Teach me to faithfully manage what You have entrusted to me. Amen.

Today's Challenge

Make a list of five blessings God has entrusted to you—not just money, but talents, relationships, opportunities, and possessions. Thank Him for each one.

DAY 2

From Owner to Manager

Matthew 25:14–30

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." —1 Corinthians 4:2

Jesus often taught using stories about managers. Why? Because stewardship is one of the central themes of Scripture. Managers don't own the business. They simply care for what belongs to someone else. That's exactly how God wants us to view our lives.

We aren't owners.

We're managers.

That changes the way we think about:

Our homes, Our vehicles, Our schedules, Our gifts, Our finances, Our influence

Everything becomes a tool for God's Kingdom. When we embrace this mindset, generosity becomes easier because we realize we're simply returning to God what already belongs to Him.

Reflect

- What possessions have become more important to me than God's purposes?
- Am I managing God's resources faithfully?
- How could God use something I already own to bless someone else?

Prayer

Lord, help me see my life through Your eyes. Remind me that everything You've entrusted to me has a purpose beyond my own comfort. Show me how to manage Your blessings faithfully. Amen.

Today's Challenge

Choose one possession or resource you own and intentionally use it today to bless someone else.

DAY 3

Give First

Matthew 6:19–34

"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness..." —Matthew 6:33

Most people operate with this financial plan: Spend. Save. If anything is left over... Give.

Jesus invites us into a completely different way of living.

Give. Save. Live on the rest.

Giving first isn't simply about finances. It's about priorities.

Every time we put God first, we're declaring: "I trust God more than I trust money."

Giving first reminds us that our security isn't found in a bank account. Our security is found in our Heavenly Father. When we consistently place God first, we're training our hearts to trust Him rather than ourselves.

Reflect

- What usually receives my "first and best"?
- Do I trust God enough to put Him first?
- Is fear preventing me from living generously?

Prayer

Father, teach me to trust You more than I trust my own plans. Help me place You first in every area of my life, including my finances, my time, and my priorities. Amen.

Today's Challenge

Before making any financial decision today, pause and pray:

"Lord, how would a faithful manager respond?"

DAY 4

Your Identity Is Not Your Possessions

Matthew 6:25–34

"Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?" —Matthew 6:25

Jesus asked one of the most freeing questions in Scripture: **"Is not life more than...?"**

So many people unknowingly connect their identity to:

Their income. Their home. Their career. Their retirement. Their success. Their possessions.

But Jesus reminds us that life is far greater than anything we own. When our identity is wrapped up in our possessions, surrender feels terrifying. When our identity is found in Christ, surrender becomes freedom.

Money makes a terrible master. Jesus makes a wonderful King.

Reflect

- Where do I find my identity?
- What possessions would be hardest for me to surrender?
- Am I trusting God's provision or my own security?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You that my worth is found in You and not in what I own. Free me from the fear of losing things and help me rest securely in Your love. Amen.

Today's Challenge

Spend ten minutes thanking God for blessings that cannot be purchased:

Salvation, Grace, Family, Friendships, Peace, Forgiveness

DAY 5

Living Open-Handed

2 Corinthians 9:6–11

"God loves a cheerful giver." —2 Corinthians 9:7

King David understood something remarkable: Open hands receive more than closed fists.

When we cling tightly to our possessions, we often become anxious and fearful. When we hold everything with open hands before God, we discover peace. Living generously isn't simply about giving money.

It's a lifestyle. It's using: Your home. Your table. Your gifts. Your influence. Your time. Your talents.

For God's glory.

God isn't looking for owners. He's looking for faithful managers.

One day we'll all stand before Him. The question won't be: *"How much did you accumulate?"*

The question will be: *"Were you faithful with what I entrusted to you?"*

May we all hear Him say, **"Well done, good and faithful servant."**

Reflect

- What does living with open hands look like in my life?
- Is there anything God is asking me to release?
- How can I use my life to expand His Kingdom?

Prayer

Father, everything I have belongs to You. Help me live with open hands and a generous heart. May my life point others to You, and may I faithfully manage everything You've entrusted to me. Amen.

Today's Challenge

Ask God this simple question:

"Lord, what have You entrusted to me that You want me to use for Your Kingdom today?"

Listen...and then obey.

Weekly Memory Verse

"Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand."

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Weekly Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding me that everything I have comes from You. Help me to live each day as a faithful steward rather than an owner. Teach me to trust You completely, give generously, serve joyfully, and hold every blessing with open hands. May my life bring glory to You and advance Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.