

David's Biblical Studies Template

God Owns Everything

By virtue of being the creator, Exodus 20:11

For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day.

A repeated item in the Bible

Psalm 24:1

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ² for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Psalm 50:10

¹⁰ for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.

You Own Nothing but Get to Use and Enjoy His Creation

You are a steward, a manager of something that isn't yours

Matthew 21:33ff; 25:14-30; Luke 12:35-40; 42-48

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Stewardship requires dependability, 4:2

Stewardship anticipates accountability, 4:5

You get to enjoy all of it, 1 Timothy 6:17

God ...richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

God made everything for...

His glory, Romans 11:33ff

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Who has ever given to God, that

God should repay him?”³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

The benefit of his image-bearers

Nothing is for selfish purposes

Some Signs You Are Getting This Wrong

You are not serving God in ministry

You are not consciously using your gifts and abilities for God's work

You aren't sacrificing generously to God's work

10% is a benchmark

Five Year Plan

God Is Going To Call You into Account, Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ... ¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

God wants to reward you for your faithfulness

What You Should Do

Ask God to forgive you for being selfish

Ask God to change your heart and ways in this matter

Commit in prayer today to change the allocation of your resources

Consider FPU as a way to help with money