

# GENEROSITY

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## It All Belongs to Him: Living as Stewards, Not Owners

Luke 12:35-48

NOTES:

### 1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ for the Master's Return (vv.35-40)

**Luke 12:35-36** *Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning and be like men who are waiting for their master to come from the wedding feast, so that you may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.*

#### A call to alertness and expectation.

**Luke 12:37a** *Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes....*

#### A promise of reward to those who are ready and faithful.

**Luke 12:37** *Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.*

### 2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in working for the Master. (vv.41-44)

**Luke 12:42** *Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time?*

#### Everything belongs to Him.

**Exodus 19:5** *All the earth is mine.*

**Deuteronomy 10:14** *Behold, to the Lord your God belong Heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.*

**Job 41:11** *Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.*

**Psalms 24:1** *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it...*

#### We are called to manage what belongs to God.

**Genesis 2:14** *The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.*

**1 Corinthians 4:2** *Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.*

**God entrusts resources to us so that we can bless others.**

**2 Corinthians 9:11** *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

**3. Be \_\_\_\_\_! :The greater that's given, the greater the responsibility.(vv.45-48)**

**Luke 12:38** *...Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.*

### **Give Abundantly**

**1 Chronicles 29:14** *But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? For everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your own hand.*

### **Give Sacrificially**

**2 Corinthians 8:1-5** *We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God granted to the churches of Macedonia: during a severe testing by affliction, their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed into the wealth of their generosity. I testify that, on their own, according to their ability and beyond their ability, they begged us insistently for the privilege of sharing in the ministry of the saints, and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves especially to the Lord, then to us by God's will.*

### **Give Joyfully**

**2 Corinthians 9:7** *You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly.*

### **Application/Reflection Questions**

1. What does it mean that God is the Owner of everything in our lives – our time, money, relationships, and talents?
2. What does being a faithful manager look like in your family, finances, work or ministry?
3. How should the truth of accountability to God affect how we steward what He has given us?

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**PRAISE  
RAISE A HALLELUJAH  
HOLY FOREVER  
IS HE WORTHY  
KING OF KINGS**

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2025 Giving vs Need: \$187,138.76 Below Need  
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