



BEYOND BLESSED

Good Stewards Robert Morris

Focus When we understand how stewardship works, something supernatural happens. As we generously bless others, God miraculously blesses us. The purpose of good stewardship is to wisely oversee what God has given us. When we do so, God moves supernaturally in His kingdom and in our lives.

Fun Play a game where everyone mimics what the leader is doing!

Review Key Scriptures: Matthew 25:14–29; Luke 12:16–21

1. I am not the owner.

God owns everything. We are the stewards over what He brings us. Time and again Scripture reminds us that He is the owner and we are His stewards.

2. I am a steward.

When we are good stewards, God protects and expands the resources He gives us. He entrusts us with the resources, which we are to manage carefully.

3. Am I a good steward?

When we use God's resources wisely for the kingdom or for others, He will supernaturally bless us. There will come a day when the Lord says, "Well done, good and faithful servant ..." (Matthew 25:21).

Group Dynamics Idea Discuss some dynamic ways an astute and creative steward can make a difference in God's kingdom.

Discuss

1. Pastor Robert defined stewardship as *the management of the property of another*. Have you ever managed someone else's property? How was this experience?
2. What is the lesson we are to learn from Matthew 25:14–29? What determining factor guided how many talents the servants received (verse 15)?
3. Read Psalm 50:12 and 1 Corinthians 10:26 (NASB). What can we learn from these passages? Explain the difference between God's principle of ownership and stewardship?
4. This message stressed that stewardship *protects and expands the resources of another*. How is this principle reflected in Deuteronomy 8:18?
5. Read Luke 12:16–21. What was the rich man reprimanded for doing? What does this caution us about today?
6. Take a quiet moment to ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to become a better steward. If you are being prompted to improve in this area, receive this as conviction and not condemnation. Seek practical instruction on how to finally put your house in order.

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God owns everything.
- I am to be a wise steward in His kingdom.
- God miraculously blesses wise stewardship.

Prayer God, I want to use Your resources wisely and well. Help me be a good steward over what You have given me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip During this series on stewardship, direct those who desire budget guidance to any of Gateway's financial stewardship classes at stewardship.gatewaypeople.com. The information they receive can be the start to a new way of living and giving.