

LESSON 23

Faithful Stewardship: God Owns Everything

10: Stewardship and Service

Executive Summary

God owns everything, and believers are stewards rather than independent owners. Time, money, abilities, relationships, opportunities, and possessions are trusts to be managed for His glory. Faithful stewardship is measured by obedience, not visibility or abundance. Recognizing God's ownership replaces entitlement with gratitude and asks how every resource can serve His purposes.

Key Terms

Stewardship	Faithful management of what God owns and entrusts, including time, money, gifts, work, and opportunities.
Ownership	The truth that God is the rightful Lord of everything we possess, manage, and accomplish.
Faithfulness	Steady trust and obedience that handles God's truth, gifts, and responsibilities in a way that honors Him.
Accountability	Answering faithfully to God and welcoming trusted believers who help us walk in truth and obedience.

Key Verses

English Standard Version (ESV)

1 Corinthians 4:2

2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

Psalms 24:1

A Psalm of David. 1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

Application Questions

1. What does Psalm 24:1 teach about who owns everything you have?

2. Which area needs more faithful management: your time, money, abilities, possessions, or opportunities?

3. Are you more concerned with being noticed or with being faithful to God? Explain.

4. What is one resource God has given you that you can use for His purposes this week?
