

RADICAL STEWARDSHIP

***PARTNERING WITH THE MASTER
IN EVERYDAY LIFE***

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SESSION FIVE

ANSWER

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Before completing this session, read Chapter 7 of Radical Stewardship.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

“Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

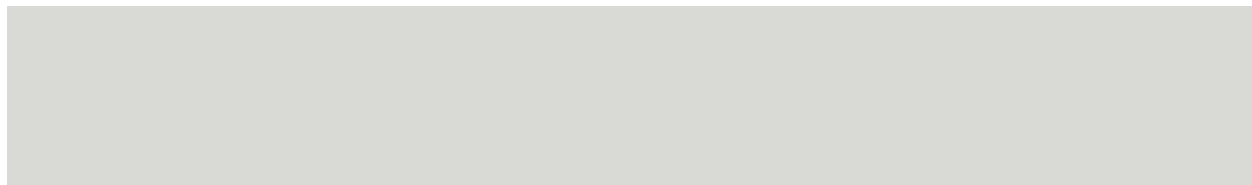
Acts 17 24-28

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

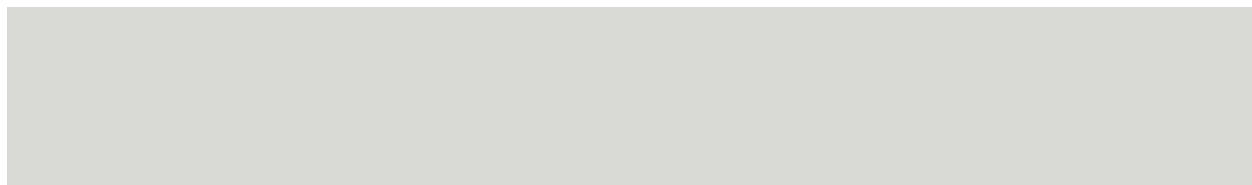
Revelation 22:12

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”

How does the idea of giving an account one day sit with you—comforting, convicting, motivating? Why?



If we're saved by grace, why does it still matter how we live?



What's the difference between performing for God and being accountable to Him?

Why does God's grace make our stewardship more meaningful, not less?

If today were Judgment Day, do you believe you'd hear a "Well done"? Why or why not?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

"Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter."

— Francis Chan

Eventually, every steward answers to the Master. That truth isn't meant to scare us, but rather to help us live alert, focused, and free.

We don't answer to God to earn His love or approval. We answer by returning the love he has lavished on us back to him through faithful living.

Let's take some time to honestly assess how we're doing.

If you were to assess the “composite scorecard” of your life, what areas feel strong? Which feels lacking?

Give yourself a grade in the following areas: A+ to F-.

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RELATIONSHIPS

Am I loving, investing, forgiving, and showing up well?

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FAMILY

Am I giving my family the attention it deserves?

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CALLING / WORK

Am I faithful in my roles, responsibilities, and opportunities?

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RESOURCES

Am I managing money, possessions, and margin with purpose?

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TIME

Am I intentional or reactive with my minutes, hours, days, and weeks?

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INFLUENCE

Am I using my platform, voice, or leadership for others' good and God's glory?

What might God say to you today about your stewardship? Is there a word of encouragement—or a gentle conviction—you sense?

What's one area where you want to hear “Well done”? What's one next step you can take toward that?

SESSION SIX

CLOSING & COMMISSIONING

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Before completing this session, read Chapter 8 of Radical Stewardship

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

Colossians 3:23–24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Hebrews 12:1–2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame,

According to Colossians 3, how does knowing that you're ultimately serving Christ reshape your approach to everyday work and responsibility?

What does “working with all your heart” look like in your current season of life? Where might that need to increase or shift?

In Hebrews 12, what are the “weights” or “sins” that tend to entangle you in your stewardship journey?

How does fixing your eyes on Jesus help you persevere in the long run when stewardship feels costly or unclear?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Radical stewardship is not a one-time decision. It's a lifelong operating system intended to help us walk through every season with freedom, clarity, and conviction.

At this point, you've done the work to uncover what's in your bag. You've wrestled with ownership, explored multiplication, and embraced accountability. You've been invited to imagine a future marked by purposeful risk, faithful presence, and joy.

What's the biggest mindset shift that this study produced in you?

How will you carry this stewardship operating system into the next season of life?

What's one area of your life you want to approach differently going forward?

Now it's time to make it personal.

Write a 3–5 sentence declaration of how you intend to live as a steward, unique to your life, calling, and convictions. This can serve as a compass statement, prayer, or personal manifesto.

PRAYER

As this study comes to a close, take time to thank God for what He's revealed and refined in you. Ask Him to keep you sensitive, surrendered, and faithful in the days ahead.

Use this space to write a closing prayer of commitment, offering your life back to the Owner and asking for grace to steward it well in whatever comes next.

GROUP DISCUSSION

This final conversation is a chance to affirm one another and speak life into what's ahead. Keep it encouraging and real.

- ✦ Read your stewardship declaration aloud to the group. What themes or convictions stood out as you wrote it?
- ✦ What's one takeaway from this journey you want to keep front and center going forward?
- ✦ Where do you see God already multiplying something in your life now that you're viewing it through the lens of a steward?
- ✦ What ongoing encouragement or accountability would help you live out your stewardship?