

**RESPONSIBLE FOR GOD'S RESOURCES
PART 1: TRUE OWNERSHIP**

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"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it; the world, and all who live in it."

Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

STEWARDSHIP

_____ the property, resources or
affairs of _____.

THE ESSENCE OF LIFE

Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then He said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:13-15 (NIV)

And He told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop." He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."' "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)

- **The essence of life is _____,**
not _____.

"Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever." I John 2:15-17 (NLT)

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE

1. As a Steward, everything _____ and everything _____
_____ is a _____.

"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb."
Psalm 139:13 (NLT)

"You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth ..."
Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (NIV)

2. As a Steward, I am _____ for the
_____ of
_____ that God entrusts to me.

"Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful."
I Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)

3. As a Steward, _____ makes _____
_____.

"There is another serious problem I have seen under the sun. Hoarding riches harms the saver ... We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can't take our riches with us."
Ecclesiastes 5:13, 15 (NLT)

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