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Stewarding Success, Pt. 2

2 Chronicles 9:13-31

For the Christ follower, all of our worldly possessions (whether great or small) belong to God. All of them. _____ means God cares equally about how we use every single bit of our resources...not just the portions we give to the church.

Discussion 1. What do you think is a better measure of our generosity: the amount of our resources we give away to others or the amount we decide to keep for ourselves? Do you think God cares about either amount? Why or why not?

As a Christ follower, any power or influence I am blessed to have belongs to God and should be used for his glory, not mine. We probably do not talk enough about _____ our success.

Discussion 2. What are some examples of using our power or influence for God's glory? What are some examples of using it for our own glory? What spiritual disciplines might help us choose wisely how we steward our power or influence?

We tend to get much more obedient to God when we are struggling; less when things are going well. But when God grants us success, it is a call to even _____ and _____ obedience, not less. "To whom much has been given..."

Discussion 3. We are all aware of the cycle of falling from God, having struggles, calling out to God for help, being more obedient, getting back on our feet, and then slowly falling away again. What kinds of spiritual disciplines can we put into our lives to help us break this cycle?

Bouncing back from failure makes a difference in our lifetime. But properly (or improperly) stewarding our success makes a difference for _____ to come.

Discussion 4. Did how your parents or grandparents or great grandparents stewarded their successes have an impact on you? If so, how?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?