

Review:

Lesson 1: Stewardship 101
Lesson 2: Generosity with Time

Lesson 3: Generosity with Giftedness
Lesson 4: Generosity with Finances

Lesson 5: Generosity with Creation

In Partnership with God

Matthew 25:14-31

God entrusts us with very different things in very different amounts; the world's measures of equity hold no sway with Him. But His expectations are the same for all of us: that we will show _____ with whatever He entrusts to us.

Discussion 1. Why do you think God does not entrust the same amount of resources or giftedness to everyone? Why does He give some more than He gives others? Does this seem unfair to you?

God entrusts time, talents and treasures to us as an opportunity to partner with Him in kingdom work. How we steward those things _____ what kind of _____ we are becoming.

Discussion 2. If stewardship is an opportunity to “partner with God”, why do you suppose God wants us to have that opportunity? What do you think is His ultimate purpose in that? Certainly He doesn't need a partner. Right?

Doing nothing at all with the time, talents and treasures God has entrusted to us is as much a betrayal of our stewardship responsibility as stealing it for our own use. Both are _____.

Discussion 3. We are supposed to be actively leveraging our time, our giftedness and our material resources for kingdom building. Which of those three categories are you underutilizing most? What are some possible next steps for you to start correcting that?

We can neither earn nor lose our salvation based on how well we steward what God has entrusted to us. But a decision NOT to be a _____ is likewise a decision not to be in _____ with God through Christ.

Discussion 4. The illustrations we use to think about stewardship matter. How is “being in partnership with God” a different concept than “giving back to God”? Why is that an important distinction?