

# **KINGDOM STEWARDSHIP**

Managing All of Life Under God's Rule

## **Lesson One: The Responsibility Part I**

*Lesson Objective: Determine the responsibility of a kingdom steward (Read Chapter 1)*

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' (Matt. 25:23 ESV)

1. Define kingdom stewardship

2. What is a kingdom steward

3. Write out each passage in its entirety:

Psalm 24:1

Psalm 89:11

Revelation 4:11

4. In the business world, what are the concerns and responsibilities of a business owner?

b) Of a business manager?

5. If God is the owner of all things, what do you think are His concerns and responsibilities?

b). What about us as managers?



3. Dr. Evans teaches that God entrusts us with time, talents, and treasures. In what ways does a responsible kingdom steward manage a) the time God has given?

b) The talents

c) The treasures

4. Read Matthew 25:14-30. For what reason are we to grow what God has given to us?

5. How does God respond when we act as responsible kingdom stewards?

**Life Application:** When you act as a responsible kingdom steward, you will experience the blessing of working in cooperation with God rather than in conflict with Him. In prayer this week, ask God to help you be fruitful and multiply the time, talents, and treasures He has given to you

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### **Lesson Three: The Covenant Part I**

*Lesson Objective: Discover why God calls us to live as kingdom stewards (Read Chapter 4)*

But you are to remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, in order to confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day (Deuteronomy 8:18).

1. A covenant is a divinely created bond between two people. In a covenant, there are expectations for both parties. Marriage is an example of a covenant. What are the expectations of both parties in marriage?
  
2. There is also a covenant between God and Christians. What are the expectations for both parties in this covenant?
  
3. The covenant is the administrative mechanism of the kingdom and God does His kingdom work through His covenant. Explain how God accomplishes His work through the covenantal agreement He has with His people.

4. Dr. Evans Likens the covenant to an umbrella. The kingdom steward who lives by the covenant is covered by the umbrella. Explain what it means for the kingdom steward to live under the umbrella of the covenant.

a) What are the benefits of living under the covenant?

5. Some choose not to live by the covenant. These people are not covered by the umbrella. What does this mean? In what ways do people live outside of the covenant?

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### Lesson Four: The Covenant Part II

*Lesson Objective: Discover why God calls us to live as kingdom stewards (Read Chapter 4)*

But you are to remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, in order to confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day (Deuteronomy 8:18).

1. Conflict occurs when the parties in a covenant do not keep their side of the agreement. God always keeps His side of the covenant. But people frequently do not. Describe what conflict may look like in this situation.

2. Read the following passages. Answer the questions that follow.

Deuteronomy 8:11 (NASB)

11 "Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep His commandments, His ordinances, and His statutes which I am commanding you today;

What does it look like to forget God?

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NASB)

18 But you are to remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, in order to confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

What does it mean to remember God?

John 5:3 (NASB)

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

Do you view God's commandments as burdensome? In what way can you see God's love reflected through His commandments?

**Life Application:** Read Deuteronomy 8 every day this week. Each day as you realize more and more all that God has done, identify how His love is shown in your life and give Him praise, thanks and glory in prayer.



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### **Lesson Five: The Spheres Part I**

*Lesson Objective: Discover where kingdom stewards align themselves under God's rule (Read Chapter 5)*

The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life (Psalm 128:5-6).

1. Dr. Evans teaches that blessings are tied to your alignment under God's rule. Explain what Dr. Evans means by blessings. How does this teaching affect your understanding of stewardship and its rewards?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How has the idea that stewardship pertains to all of life rather than just money challenged the understanding of stewardship you may have previously held?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Psalm 128 teaches the kingdom steward to fear God. To fear God is to take Him seriously.
  - a) How does stewarding oneself demonstrate a fear of God?

b) How can you better steward yourself for God's glory?

4. What does Psalm 128:3-4 teach about stewarding one's family?

b) What are the results when a family is stewarded well?

5. In what ways do Satan's attacks on the family negatively impact society?

b) How does good stewardship counter Satan's attacks on the family?

6. How does understanding responsible stewardship of the home affect your view on family relationships?

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### Lesson Six: The Spheres Part II

*Lesson Objective: Discover where kingdom stewards align themselves under God's rule (Read Chapter 5)*

*The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life (Psalm 128:5-6).*

1. Psalm 128:5 teaches the kingdom steward to manage his or her role in their place of worship. In today's world, this would apply to the local church. What is the purpose of the church?

b) For what purposes are we to be engaged in our local church?

2. What does the church do well? What does the church need to do better?

3. If Christians took seriously the job of stewarding their involvement in church, what would church look like?

b) What impact would this have on God's kingdom and on the world?

4. Many Christians have a tendency to pull away from society, but Jeremiah 29:6-7 reveals God's instructions to be productive stewards in the community. Read Jeremiah 29:6-7. How were the Israelites To be involved in the community?

b) What does God say will be the result of this involvement?

5. How could this spiritual principle apply to kingdom stewards who work in their communities today?

**Life Application:** A responsible kingdom steward rightfully aligns all of life under God's rule. This begins with the individual life, then expands to the family, church, and community. Think of ways that you can broaden your personal prayer time to more fully cover all of these areas you are to steward.

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## **Lesson Seven: The Perspective Part I**

Lesson Objective: Discuss the proper perspective of the kingdom steward (Read Chapter 8)

*Now godliness with contentment is great gain (1 Timothy 6:6).*

1. Dr. Evans contrasts two perspectives on life:

godliness + contentment = great gain

ungodliness + discontentment = great loss

Describe the difference between living with each of these perspectives. How does the first perspective benefit the kingdom steward?

2. The first perspective that benefits a kingdom steward comes from 1 Timothy 6:6: godliness + contentment = great gain. Define godliness, contentment, and great gain.

b) Read Philippians 4:11. How does a person learn to be content?

c) What experiences in your life have taught you contentment?

3. For what purpose are we to be content?

a) What obstacles to contentment do people face today?

4. Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Dr. Evans said the second perspective is to not make money your highest goal, but rather to love God more than money. Why is this perspective important for kingdom stewards?

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## **Lesson Eight: The Perspective Part II**

*Lesson Objective: Discuss the proper perspective of the kingdom steward (Read Chapter 8)*

Now godliness with contentment is great gain (1 Timothy 6:6).

1. How can loving God more than money contribute to acquiring spiritual riches rather than material riches?

2. Consider your view of money and your devotion to God. Do you need to rebalance your affections to put God above money? Explain.

3. The Third perspective is to enjoy the abundance God has given you and to be generous with it. What does it mean to properly enjoy the abundance God gives?

4. Dr. Evans suggests that kingdom steward be rich in good works and share with others. What does it mean to be rich in good works?

5. Identify something of value that you own and make a decision to share it (by loaning it or giving it away) with someone else who may need it this week. If you can identify more than one item, all the better.

a) Why did you choose what you did?

b) In what way do you feel it will benefit someone else?

c) In what way will sharing this item benefit you and bring God glory?

**Life Application:** Focus on gratitude this week during your prayer time. Pay attention to how gratitude affects your level of contentment throughout the week.



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## **Lesson Nine: The Motivation Part I**

Lesson Objective: Discuss the foundation for wise stewardship (Read Chapter 3)

*And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; (2 Corinthians 9:8)*

1. What is the greatest insight you take away from the example of Moses refusing to go into the Promised Land without God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. According to Dr. Evans, “Grace is all that God is free to do for you which you could never do for yourself and that you could not earn, do not deserve, and could never repay.” What are some examples of God’s grace in your life?
  - b) In what ways should God’s grace motivate us to be kingdom stewards of our time, talents, and treasures?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Dr. Evans writes that grace cannot be earned, but it can be accessed. What does he mean by this?

b) How can a kingdom steward receive God's grace?

4. Dr. Evans teaches that just as the farmer sows seed (which comes from God), kingdom stewards are to sow grace (which comes from God). What does it mean to sow grace?

b) Where, how, and why are we to sow grace?

5. Describe what would happen if a farmer chose only to pray and did not plant any seeds. How does this apply to spiritual sowing and reaping as a kingdom steward?

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## **Lesson Ten: The Motivation Part II**

*Lesson Objective: Discuss the foundation for wise stewardship (Read Chapter 3)*

*And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; (2 Corinthians 9:8)*

1. In what ways does expecting a harvest motivate the farmer? In what ways does a kingdom steward sow grace with the motivation of reaping more grace?
2. Read Luke 6:38. What does Dr. Evans mean when he exhorts us to live as conduits of grace rather than as cul-de-sacs of grace?
3. Dr. Eans teaches that sowing and reaping happen in season and that there is a gap between seasons. How does this relate to spiritual stewardship?

b) How can an awareness of a gap between sowing and reaping increase both your patience and diligence when it comes to extending grace to others?

4. How has God lavished grace on you? How can you extend that grace to others this week?

**Life Application:** And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; **(2 Corinthians 9:8)**

The good that we do comes directly from God. He gives grace for us to have the sufficiency we need to do good works. Grace supplies the desire, motivation, power, insight, and skill for us to carry out His will. Think of something you want to do for God but that seems difficult. Pray 2 Corinthians 9:8 to God, thanking Him for the grace He's giving you to empower you to accomplish this good work. Ask God to use His grace to motivate you to do what He is asking you to do.



3. In what ways do Christians fail to put God first?

b) Why do Christians fail to put God first?

4. Dr. Evans teaches that God developed the system of the tithe to reveal whether His people were putting Him first. Explain what Dr. Evans means by this.

5. The Bible talks about giving God “firstfruits” as a way of giving to Him financially. What does the Bible mean by firstfruits? What does giving first fruits mean in today’s culture?

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## **Lesson Twelve: The Priority Part II**

*Lesson Objective: Determine the priority of the kingdom steward (Read Chapter 7)*

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you (Matthew 6:33).

1. Dr. Evans mentions the notion of giving God our leftovers. Do you give God first fruits, leftovers, or a mixture of both? Explain.

2. In Malachi 3 God told the Israelites they were "robbing" Him. How were they robbing God?

b) In what ways might we be robbing God today?

3. Explain what it means that economic problems are sometimes tied to spiritual theft.

b) What other kinds of problems might arise for the kingdom steward who fails to put God first in all things?

4. Dr. Evans says, “When you rob God, you rob yourself.” What does this mean and how does it impact your view on honoring God first in all things?

5. Create a list of practical ways you can put God first in all things. Pray about this list. Be prepared to share with the class the steps you will take to put God first in your life.

**Life Application:** God deserves to be first in all areas of your life. Prayerfully consider how you can make God first through the use of your time, through the use of your talents, and through the use of your treasure. Take steps to adjust your life to reflect this priority.



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## **Lesson Thirteen: The Rewards Part I**

*Lesson Objective: Discuss the benefits of the kingdom steward (Read Chapter 10)*

*Offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
And pay your vows to the Most High;  
Call upon Me on the day of trouble;  
I will rescue you, and you will honor Me."  
(Psalm 50:14-15)*

1. Why does God reward those who are wise stewards of their time, talents, and treasures?
2. Dr. Evans makes it clear that the rewards he teaches about in this chapter are separate from the salvation we receive in Christ. Read Titus 3:5. Briefly explain the process of salvation.
3. In what ways are the rewards that kingdom stewards receive different from salvation?
4. Why is it important to know that God rewards faithful stewardship both in this lifetime and in eternity?

5. In your own words, define the four rewards for living faithfully as a kingdom steward and review what Dr. Evans teaches about them.

**A) Answered Prayer:**

**B) Met Needs:**

**C) Emotional Stability:**

**D) Divine Guidance:**

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**Lesson Fourteen: The Rewards Part II**

Lesson Objective: Discuss the benefits of the kingdom steward (Read Chapter 10)

*Offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High;  
call upon Me on the day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you will honor  
Me." (Psalm 50:14-15)*

1. Which of the four rewards (from question 5 last week) means the most to you? Why?
2. Have you personally experienced any of these benefits? Share your experience with the rest of the class.
3. How do the four listed rewards contribute to the fulfillment of each other?

4. What are some additional benefits for living as a kingdom steward?

5. What can you discern about the nature and character of God from His practice of rewarding faithful stewardship?

**Life Application:** Isaiah 48:17-18 tells us that God teaches us which way we are to go. His guidance brings about profit and productivity. This reward of divine guidance can set you on the path toward personal growth and development. This week, ask God not only for His guidance but also for Him to show you how better to align yourself under Him so that you can access this reward more fully.

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### Lesson Fifteen: The Strategy Part I

Lesson Objective: Determine what's needed for a kingdom steward to actively advance God's kingdom on earth (Read Chapter 6)

And his [a]master complimented the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own [b]kind than the sons of light (Luke 16:8).

1. Why is it important to be strategic in how we live a kingdom stewards?
2. What is the definition of kingdom stewardship? Refer back to lesson 1 if you need to.
  - b) Rewrite this definition in your own words and be prepared to share it with the class. Explain your reasons for wording the definition as you did.

3. Consider what you've learned about kingdom stewardship during this course. How has your thinking changed during these lessons?

4. Dr. Evans wrote about the parable of the shrewd manager from Luke 16:1-13. Review the parable and summarize how the manager strategically built relationship to change his future prospects.

b) Are you surprised that Jesus used an unrighteous steward as an example for how we are to strategically manage resources in His kingdom? Why or why not?

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## **Lesson Sixteen: The Strategy Part II**

*Lesson Objective: Determine what's needed for a kingdom steward to actively advance God's kingdom on earth (Read Chapter 6)*

*And his [a]master complimented the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own [b]kind than the sons of light (Luke 16:8).*

1. In Luke 16 Jesus points out that unrighteous people know how to seize opportunities to progress in their lives through the relationships that they build when righteous people don't . What lessons can be learned about using strategy for kingdom purposes?
2. The shrewd manager made mistakes. What boundaries must the kingdom steward consider in developing strategies for kingdom work?
3. In what way can acts of service and relationship-building be done strategically for kingdom purposes?

4. Describe other ways kingdom stewards can live shrewdly with regard to good works?

5. How does Satan use oppositional thoughts and wrong perspectives to keep Christians from living strategically?

6. What will you do to develop an eternal kingdom perspective and live strategically as a kingdom steward?

**Life Application:** Ask God to open your eyes and heart to opportunities to serve others and develop relationships through your normal routines of life, so that you might impact them for the kingdom. Keep a journal of these experiences and reflect on how God is growing and developing you in the strategic use of your life, for His glory and the advancement of His kingdom.<sup>32</sup>



