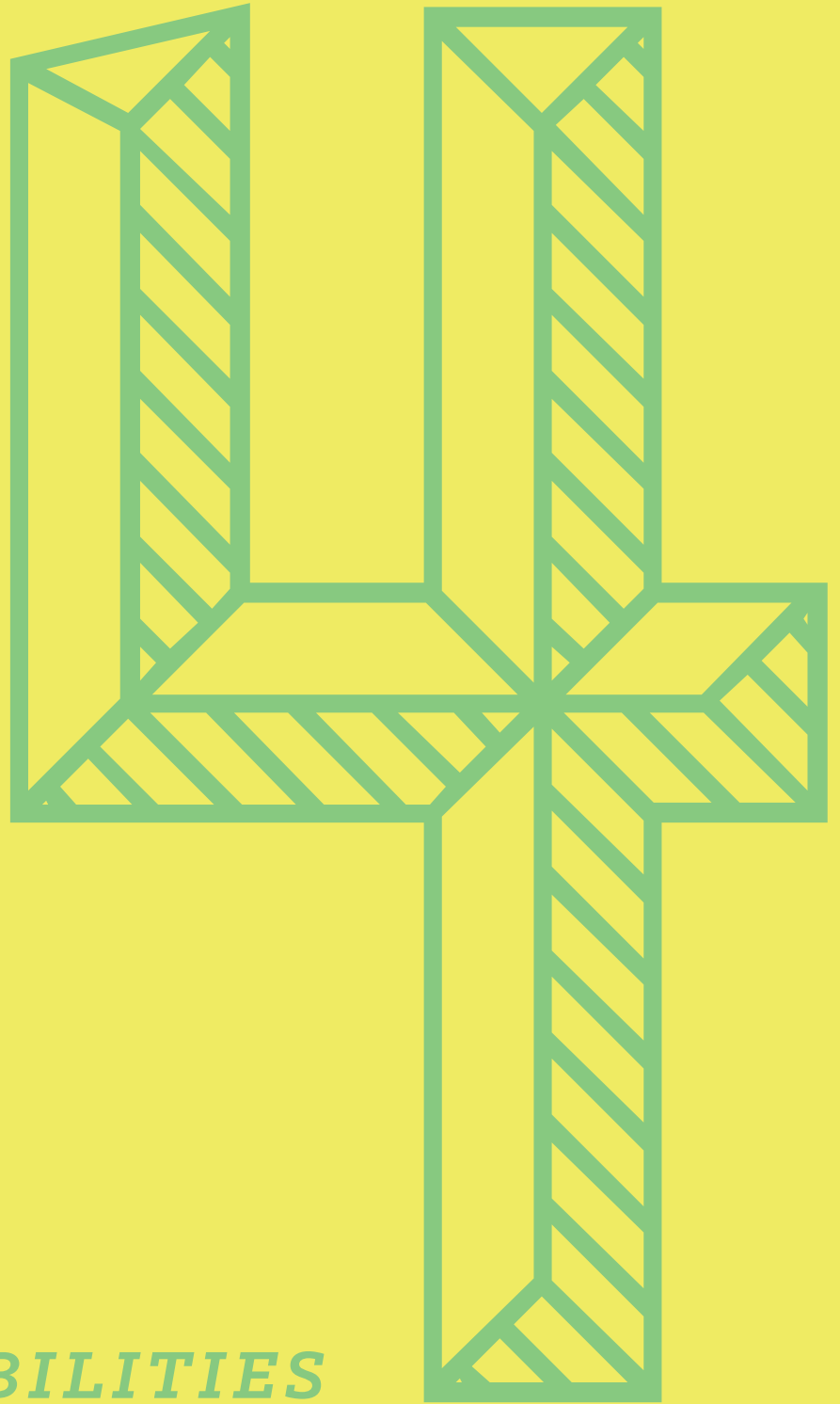


S E S S I O N



*RIGHTS &
RESPONSIBILITIES*

OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

• **Who owns the** ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____ ?

The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the Lord of hosts. - Haggai 2:8

• **Who owns the** ⁽¹⁵⁾ _____ ?

The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. - Psalm 24:1

For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness. - Psalm 50:11-12

• **Who owns your** ⁽¹⁶⁾ _____ ?

And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. - Deuteronomy 8:18

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. - Colossians 3:17

• **Who owns your** ⁽¹⁷⁾ _____ ?

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. - Genesis 2:7

The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. - Job 33:4

Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. - Acts 17:25

God owns ⁽¹⁸⁾ _____

SOURCE OF WEALTH

Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name. - 1 Chronicles 29:12-13

For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? - 1 Corinthians 4:7

STEWARDSHIP

Since we're not owners, what are we? Scripture calls us ⁽¹⁹⁾ _____ ?

STEWARD (DEFINITION) -

- a fiscal agent
- one who actively directs the affairs of another
- a manager; an investor

STEWARDSHIP (DEFINITION) -

- the office, duties, and obligations of a steward
- the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP IS . . .

- Steadfast allegiance to the duties or management of another's property

• **The utilization of God-given resources to express and** ⁽²⁰⁾ _____ **God!**

Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Then Peter said to Him, “Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?”

And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?”

Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. - **Luke 12:35-48**

PRINCIPLE ONE

(21) _____ **Spending Decision Is a Spiritual Decision**

THE IRRESPONSIBLE STEWARD

LUKE 16:1-15

He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. So he (rich man) called him (steward) and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

"Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.'

"So he (steward) called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' And he (debtor) said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he (steward) said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light."

Lesson #1

"And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home." - **Luke 16:9**

Money & Possessions are a ⁽²²⁾ _____

Lesson #2

"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?" - **Luke 16:10-12**

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Lesson #3

"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." - **Luke 16:13**

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THINK ABOUT IT

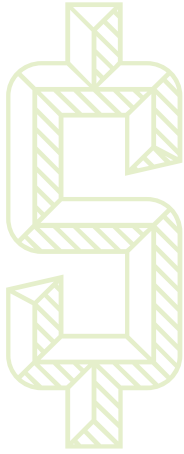
Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God." - **Luke 16:14-15**

The Pharisees hated this message because it called them out.

How about you? What does your checkbook say about your testimony?

**IN EVERY FINANCIAL DECISION -
YOU ARE EITHER BUILDING YOUR
KINGDOM OR HIS KINGDOM**

SESSION 4 BIG IDEAS



After giving and taxes, are we free to use the remainder in any way that is moral, legal, and ethical? YES and NO! Yes, you are free to do as you choose, but God wants us to understand that we are to be faithful stewards and view money and possessions as a Tool, a Test, and a Testimony!

• **PRINCIPLE ONE: Every Spending Decision is a Spiritual Decision!**

1. Do you think God is displeased when you occasionally buy a \$4.50 drink at your favorite coffee shop? What if you do that daily?

2. How will you practically implement the principle “Every Spending Decision is a Spiritual Decision”?

GOD’S POSITION FOR YOU

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- Revelation 1:5b-6

- You are a king and a priest
- You are made in His image
- You are chosen by Him
- You are destined to live at His right hand forever

See Appendix D for a list of Identity Declarations

PRAY FROM YOUR IDENTITY AS PRIEST

Heavenly Father, thank You for creating me to serve as a priest in Your courts forever.

Jesus, thank You for demonstrating what a priest does by offering all of Yourself.

Holy Spirit, prompt me in every spending situation to remember it’s ultimately a spiritual decision. Thank You for guiding me. Change my priorities. Change my desires to align with Yours.

Lord, my heart’s desire is for my life to be a testimony of how great You are. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear Your voice clearly on those spending decisions where I’ve ignored You. In Jesus’ Name.