



Build One Another Up

*“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”
-1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Class I: BUILD a Paradigm of Biblical Stewardship

1. Why a “Season of Stewardship”?

2. A Biblical Definition of Stewardship:

- Psalm 24:1- "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."
- Stewardship Defined: **Stewardship is the paradigm that God owns everything, and He leaves a limited portion of it in our care to manage *for Him*.**

3. Four Principles of Stewardship from Matthew 25:14-30

Principle I: *Everything* under the steward's care belongs to the Master

Principle II: The steward is called to *improve* everything that God places in his care

Principle III: The steward is not to hoard/ hide what is entrusted to him

Principle IV: The steward will give account for how he managed his share

4. Spheres of Stewardship:

- Time (Psalm 90:1-12, Ephesians 5:15-16)
 - Spiritual Gifts (Romans 12:4-6, Ephesians 4:4-8)
 - Bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - Words (Matthew 12:36, Ephesians 4:29)
 - Children (Psalm 127:3-5)
 - Sermons/ the Word (James 1:22, Luke 12:47-48)
 - Leadership (Acts 20:28, Titus 1:7, Hebrews 13:17)
 - Money and Resources (Malachi 3:8-10)
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Questions for Reflection: please use the following question together with your family to consider your own heart's position on stewardship:

1. Do you believe that all of the areas under point 4 belong to God, and that you are a steward of them?

2. As you think of those spheres of stewardship, check your own life through the principles gleaned from Matthew 25:

- Do you live as if everything belongs to God and He has made you a steward for his purposes?
- Have you worked to improve what God has entrusted to you in each sphere of stewardship?
- In what ways have you hoarded/ hidden those resources?
- What needs to change before you can give account to God about your stewardship of those things?

3. Which paradigm better represents your position towards stewardship:

It all belongs to me, therefore I can decide what percentage to give to God.

It all belongs to God, therefore I can decide how much to keep for myself.

4. Thinking about your past stewardship, would it be an accurate description to say that you view money as a seed for growing God's kingdom?