

The First Principle

The Stewardship Pyramid

Biblical Principle:

**When you choose to _____ God out
of any part of your _____,
the result is _____.
That will be the area you have
_____.**

The Concept Of _____

Matthew 25:14 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. (NLT)

Truth #1

1) We don't own _____; God owns it _____.

Matthew 25:15 He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. (NLT)

Truth #2

2) The owner has _____; the steward has _____.

Matthew 25:16 The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. **17** The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. **18** But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money. **19** "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. (NLT)

Truth #3

3) As a steward, you are _____ to the _____.

Matthew 25:20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.' **21** "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' **22** "The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.' **23** "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' (NLT)

Luke 16:9 Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. **10** "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. **11** And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? **12** And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? **13** "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money." (NLT)

Truth #4

4) You will be _____ according to your _____.

You make a huge _____
when you _____ someone
for their _____,
without knowing their _____.

Matthew 25:24 "Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. **25** I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.' **26** "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, **27** why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.' **28** "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. **29** To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. **30** Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' (NLT)

Truth #5

5) We _____ as a steward when we do _____
with what God has given you.

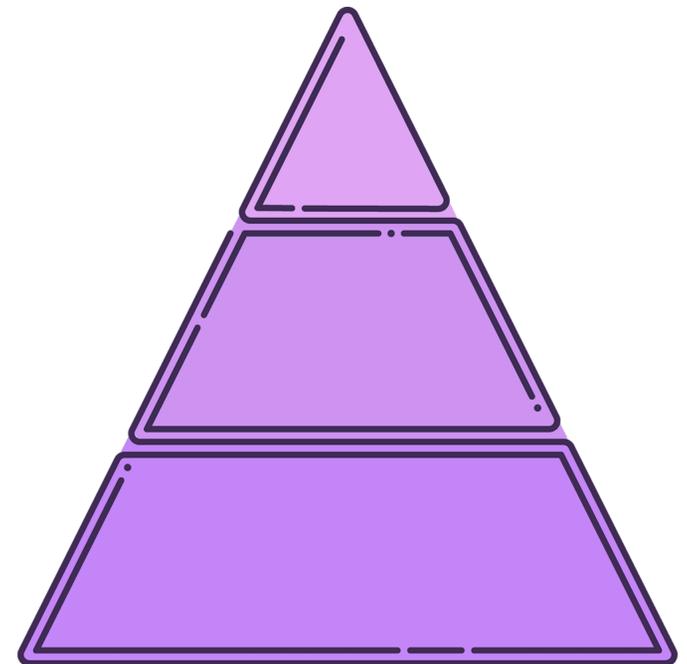
Truth #6

6) We _____ as a steward when we give in to _____.

Matthew 6:19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. (NLT)

The Foundation: _____

John 14:15 "If you love me, obey my commandments." (NLT)



Truth #1

1) The pathway to _____ is _____.

Malachi 3:8 "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?'" "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. **9** You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. **10** Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! **11** Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. **12** "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. (NLT)

**When it comes to _____,
it's amazing how people will _____
someone else's _____ while
never considering their _____.**

Truth #2

2) _____ rarely happens in _____.

Truth #3

3) _____ Obedience is _____.

Truth #4

4) _____ Obedience is _____.

Excuse #1

1) I can't _____ to _____.

Excuse #2

2) I think tithing is the _____ standard. I don't follow the Old Testament or the _____.

Luke 11:42 "What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things." (NLT)

Excuse #3

3) I'm not going to _____ because you're just saying that to _____.

_____ brings _____.

**When you are ready...
Go All In and Sign the poster.**
Statement and Reminder of faith, of commitment.

**2021 Devotions:
1 Chapter for 1 Week**

This week: Matthew 25
Read, Dwell, Read, Think, Read, Live