

The Ultimate Truth of Ownership

Session 2 Worksheet

STORY 1 GOD IS THE OWNER OF EVERYTHING

Discussion

1. How can God claim to be the Owner of everything?
2. What outward act can we do that recognizes God as the Owner of everything?
3. If God does not need our money, then why does He ask for it?
4. When I contemplate a life that is contented and happy, what do I see as the source of contentment?

STORY 2 TRUSTING GOD TO CARE FOR US

Discussion

1. What is the reason that we should first return to God His portion of the money we manage? Isn't it more important to pay bills first? How is tithing a test of faith?
2. When we fail to return tithe to God, what does scripture say we are doing?
3. How can I keep my faith strong so as to be a faithful steward and experience the joy of seeing God's promises fulfilled towards me? What are the results of faithful tithing? Share your story.

HOME PROJECT

Determine what your increase is for the month and figure what a tenth, or 10%, would be.

Resolve to take a leap of faith—walk the talk of faith—and experience the joy that comes from being a faithful steward.

Something to think about

“Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or, ‘What shall we drink?’ or, ‘What shall we wear?’ ... For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things” (Matt. 6:31, 32 NKJV).

“To procrastinate obedience is to disobey God.” –Randy Alcorn, *Money, Possessions, and Eternity*, p 194

“I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread” (Ps. 37:25 NIV).

“I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week.” –John D. Rockefeller, Sr.

“Ye are bought with a price,’ not ‘with corruptible things, as silver and gold,’ but with the precious blood of Christ. ‘... It is through His poverty that we are made rich; and will we refuse to give back to Him His own gifts?’” –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 3, p. 390

Ah, when I look up at the cross,
Where God’s great steward suffered loss
Yea, loss of life and blood for me,
A trifling thing it seems to be to pay the tithe, Dear Lord, to thee
Of time, talent, wealth or store—full well I know.

But this is just the reason why
I lift my heart to God on high
And pledge thee by this portion small
My life, my love, my all and all.

This holy token at thy cross,
I know, as gold, must seem but dross.
But in my heart, Lord, thou dost see,
How it has pledged my all to thee
That I steward true may be.

–Anonymous

My prayer commitment

The heart of the matter for me is: _____

