

2.1 Video Insights

It's easy to read that God owns everything but harder to live like it. I think few people do. I think a lot of people see it as unpleasant and restrictive to answer to someone else but actually we're not very good at running our own lives and we need help more than we often realize. The very work that is required of us here to manage God's property builds the character that we need. And it's especially important since we're really on trial here and showing that we're willing to manage things faithfully here says we're safe to take to heaven.

Unfortunately, I don't think I do trust Him to take care of all my needs. I think I'll feel more confident in that when I'm doing my part with what He's given me rather than being irresponsible.

2.3 Insights

I found it very interesting that God says so much about money in the bible. I think it must be because it shows where our heart is and effects every area of our lives. Reminds me of the rich young ruler. The step that his heart still needed even when following all of God's commandments was to see his money as God's money for God's use. I like the part in the article that puts it so clearly saying, "When we acknowledge God's ownership, every spending decision becomes a spiritual decision. No longer do we ask, "Lord, what do You want me to do with my money?" The question is restated, "Lord, what do You want me to do with Your money?" I don't think I ever really thought of it like that, but I will try to focus on that now when making financial decisions. It's very true with it says

"Consistently recognizing God's ownership is difficult. It is easy to believe intellectually that God owns all you have and yet still live as if this were not true."

It's also nice to know that "The Lord rewards faithfulness, regardless of the amount over which we are responsible."