

1. Read Deuteronomy 10:14 and Psalm 24:1. What do these passages teach about the ownership of your possessions? God owns everything...even us! We have nothing that doesn't first come through him.

2.

Prayerfully evaluate your attitude of ownership toward your possessions. Do you consistently recognize the true owner of those possessions? Write a practical idea that will help you recognize God's ownership.

I think overall I do, but I do tend to find myself in striving mode trying to make things happen or worrying. I need to stop and recognize that God is our provider and owner and it's not my job to "create" things or make them happen. I need to rest in trusting him more.

3.

Read 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 and Psalm 135:6. What do these verses say about God's authority and sovereignty? God has all authority and can act of his own free will. He owns everything.

4.

Do you normally recognize the Lord's authority and ability to intervene in our lives? If not, how can you become more consistent in recognizing His authority?

I do. I think I can tend to try and do as much as I can myself and expect God to fill in the gaps. I need to go to him more first and foremost.

5.

Read Psalm 73:2-20. Does it bother you when you see the wicked prosper? How do you reconcile this reality with the knowledge that God is in control?

If I'm being totally honest I have had this thought before, but I remember it rains on the just and unjust. And I know that God is in control and I need only worry about myself and recognize that God is good and is my provider.

6.

Read Genesis 45:4-8 and Romans 8:28. Why is it important to realize that God is in control and uses even difficult circumstances for good in the life of a godly person?

As God works all things together for our good we can trust that we will work it out, that he is with us, and it will turn out ok.

7.

Describe a difficult circumstance you have experienced and how the Lord ultimately used it for good in your life.

My daughter's injury. We saw the Lord with us through every step, he provided so much, and lead us through it all. I even became a therapist through that experience.

8.

Read Psalm 34:9-10; Matthew 6:31-33; and Philippians 4:19. What has the Lord promised concerning meeting your needs? How does this apply to you today?

The Lord has promised to meet all our needs and take care of us. As we seek him and put him first, we don't have to worry, he has us covered. If he provides for the birds, how much more will he provide for us.

9.

Read 1 Corinthians 4:2. The key to understanding God's will in finances is the proper understanding of our role. What does this verse say is our requirement as stewards? What is the definition of a steward?

A steward takes care of things or manages it. We should be faithful with what he gives us.

10.

Read Luke 16:10. Describe the principle found in this verse.

If you are trustworthy with a little you can be trusted to be given more. But if you can't handle the little and don't steward it well, you won't be given more.

11.

How can you use this principle to better your life?

I could be a better steward of what I've been given...We need to be more intentional with our finances.

12.

Read Luke 16:12. Are we required to be faithful with other people's possessions? What happens if we are not?

Yes, if not we won't be trusted with our own.