

### The Big Idea

To understand and live as one of God's stewards is the most liberating lifestyle available. If God really does own everything, He has the right to whatever He wants whenever He wants with it. However, many of us make financial decisions as if we are the owners. This week, we discovered what it means to manage as stewards, not owners, of everything God gives us.



#### **Tweetable Moments**

"Rich is a moving target."

"Every spending decision is a spiritual decision."



# Next Steps

Need help finding freedom in your finances and learning more about how God asks us to handle our money? You still have this week to sign up for our Wiser Discipleship Course at vintage.church/wiser

#### **Key Verses**

Matthew 25:20-23, Matthew 25:15-16, Matthew 6:21, Proverbs 4:23

# Piscussion Questions

- 1. Discuss What's the dumbest financial decision you ever made? What did it teach you?
- 2. Read 1 Timothy 6:17

Discuss Why do you think it can be easy to "put our hope in wealth"?

3. Read Matthew 6:21

Discuss We say this quote a lot in church. Why do you think Jesus taught more on finances than he did heaven or hell?

4. Read Proverbs 4:23

Discuss You've probably heard this phrase used in reference to sexual purity. How can we "guard our heart" in all of life, even against the love of money?

5. Read Psalm 24:1

Discuss To you, what is the difference between a steward and an owner? How can we be better stewards?

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|    | steward is not an owner, but aer something owned by another. |  |
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| 3  | Principles of Stewardship                                    |  |
| 1. | God Owns   |  |
|    | Matthew 25:15-16   |  |
|    | Every spending decision is a                                 |  |
|    | decision.  |  |
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| 2. | God expects us to invest wisely and live                     |  |
|    | Ecclesiastes 7:12, Matthew 25:20-23                          |  |
|    | The story of our checkbook is the story of our               |  |
|    | lives  |  |
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| 2  | God holds us   |  |
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|    | You MUST understand how God rewards us.                      |  |
|    | He doesn't reward our faithfulness but our                   |  |
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