

# Teaching the Truths of God's Ownership

Too often we have a tourist mindset through this life. We are here to visit the sites, see the world, and eat nice food. But Jesus is saying so much more. He's saying that with our time here on this earth we should be making investments and seeking return. And the only smart investment is in eternity.

*God owns it all. Store up treasures for yourselves in heaven.*

These are common phrases in the Christian life, but we often miss their profound depth. They call us to live a meaningful life now. How we live now impacts eternity, and we must not waste the opportunity. Let these fundamentals shape how you teach this essential concept of God's ownership.

## Scripture

1 Chronicles 29:12 Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

Psalm 104:24 O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom, You have made them all; the earth is full of Your possessions.

Job 41:11 Who has given to Me that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.

## Training Points

-God does not need our money. He already owns everything. He is after our hearts. Generosity pushes us closer to God's heart because it teaches us more about what He loves. In this busy life, we need a practice that cuts through the excess of this life and connects us back to relationship with Him.

-Tucked into the ever familiar John 3:16, we see that generosity is the heart of the gospel. "For God so loved the world that He gave..." God's ultimate generosity, the essence of the gospel, brought radical hope and redemption. So when we live generously, we are reflecting God's character and image, and bringing the same hope and redemptive work of the gospel.

-God's ownership frees us to pursue Him. It does not mean shame for having possessions of wealth, but rather it simply is a call to live with hands open and eyes on the Kingdom. Wealth becomes a tool in God's larger design.

What will your next step be?  
Develop your plan and your ministry.