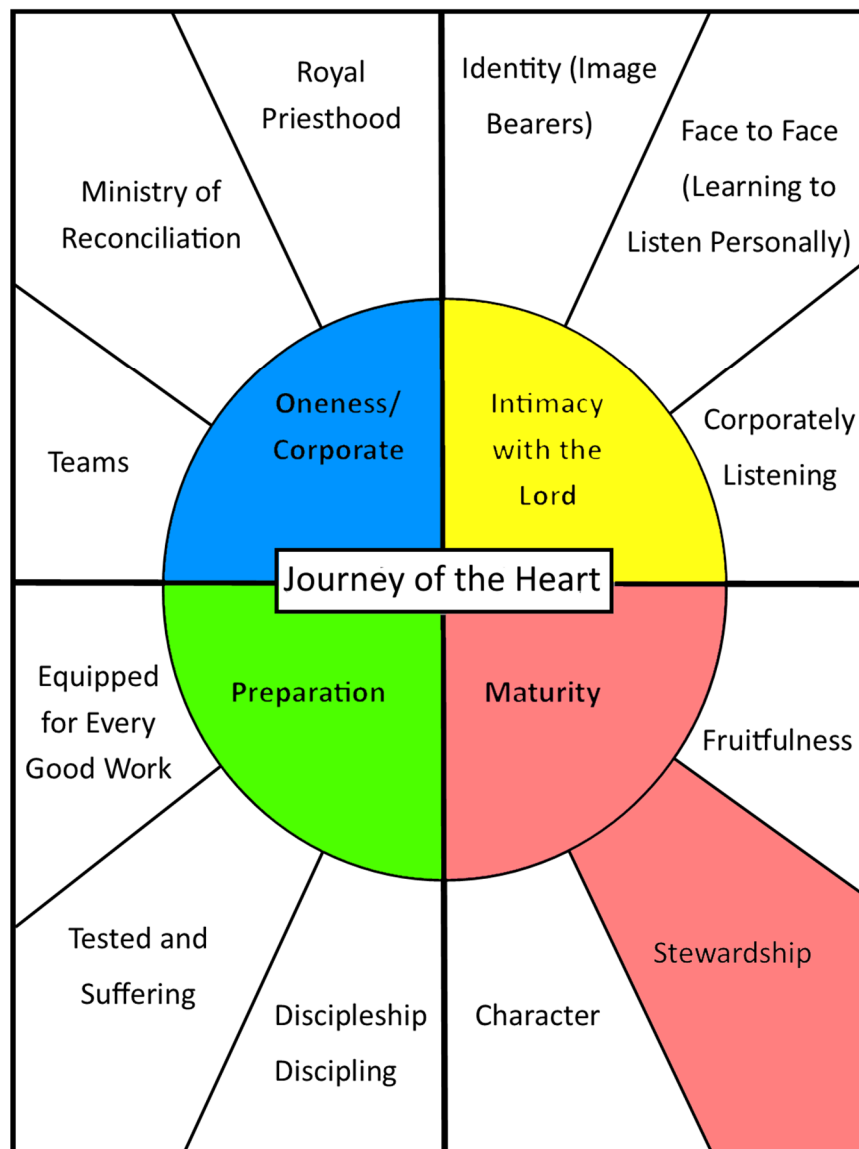


# STEWARDSHIP

## *LEARNING OBJECTIVES:*

- ❖ Have an accurate understanding of gifts and calling.
- ❖ Know your strategy for increase—or—how increase takes place.
- ❖ Discover what the Church (His corporate Body) is called to steward, and what each individual member is called to steward.
- ❖ Able to influence the nature of stewardship as addressed by the Church?



## SCRIPTURE MEDITATION:

- Week 1) Matthew 25:14-46
- Week 2) Luke 8:4-18
- Week 3) I Timothy 6:1-21
- Week 4) Genesis 41

## TRIAD QUESTIONS:

### WEEK 1

1. **Time: How do you account for it?** How do you manage your time? Does your schedule reflect God's plan or your plan for your life? What is God's vision for your time?
2. Do your time commitments express your stated priorities? How is Christ most clearly seen in the way you allocate your time each day?
3. All of us have the same amount of time in a day. How do you waste/squander it? Invest it? What is the first thing that gets neglected in a time crunch/ busy season?
4. What rhythms of time did God put in place? Do you have any rhythms that order your time?

### WEEK 2

1. **Temple: How do you care for it?** How are you taking care of your body? How are you taking care of the relationships in the church body? *What is God's vision for your body?*
2. Make a list of words that capture/describe the Temple of God. Since we are His temple—do you need to make any adjustments to align with your design?
3. **Testimony: Who must hear it?** What is your unique God Story? How has He changed your life? Why do you follow Him? *What is God's vision for your testimony?*
4. Where have you witnessed God's goodness, provision or healing? Share your God stories with one another.
5. How often do you testify to what God has done and is doing in your life? Is sharing your unique God stories a part of your daily life? How can this increase in your life?

### WEEK 3

1. **Talent: How do you recognize it?** What have you been entrusted with? What has He gifted to you? *What is God's vision for your talent?*
2. Do you have a scripture or a promise from God that has defined the purpose for your life? How do you recognize your gifts and operate according to your divine design?
3. What gifts/talents has the Lord entrusted to you? How has He been developing these in your life? Where has He called you to obey Him in their use?
4. Do you have a fear response when the Lord entrusts you with something? What is the outcome of neglecting your gifts/talents, both personally and corporately?

5. **Treasure: How do you invest it?** What resources have been entrusted to you? How are you using them for his kingdom? *What is God's vision for His treasure that He has entrusted to you?*
6. What does the world consider as 'treasure'? What is 'treasure' in the Kingdom of God?
7. What did you receive from the Lord last week that requires stewardship? How does your use of time indicate what you regard as treasure?

#### WEEK 4

1. **Territory: How do you govern it?** Who did God give you to govern over? Family? Neighborhood? Co-workers? Area of Town or world? Specific people group? Social justice? *How are you affecting God's vision for your sphere of influence?*
2. What does governing look like in the Kingdom of God? What brings increase to the Kingdom in your areas of stewardship? What has the Lord entrusted to you to steward?
3. Where has the Lord given you oversight (made you responsible)? How does your stewardship give evidence to the way you govern your territory? What do you want to steward well? How do you know that your territory' is fruitful?
4. Where do you have "jurisdiction" or the authority to speak truth, push back the darkness, set the captives free and proclaim the gospel? Do you lead out of there? Are there any places that you do not have "jurisdiction" that you might have overstepped your authority?
5. When has the Lord entrusted you with something small, in order to train you? Where is the Lord testing/training you now, for a future assignment?

#### BONUS QUESTIONS:

1. What is the church (the corporate Body) called to steward? What is each individual member called to steward? How does the topic of stewardship get addressed by the church?
2. What keys for stewardship can we learn from Genesis 1-3? How are stewardships determined?
3. Have you experienced or seen godliness with contentment?
4. How does 'dying to self' affect your stewardship?
5. Has stewardship of the earth been a part of your mission/calling? Has it been a focus in your church? Does this have a role to play in issues of justice?
6. In the parable of the soils (Matthew 13, Luke 8)--why would good soil have different yields (30,60,100 fold)? Is the produce tied to level of hearing--or --being a doer as well as a hearer?
7. Who do you know who exemplifies being "faithful in a little thing" (Luke 16:10-12)? Who is someone that was highly gifted but squandered it? What can you learn from their examples? What attitudes lead to squandering?
8. Who are you most likely to trust with an important task? Why?