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# STEWARDSHIP

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Stewardship is a personal spiritual discipline as well as a community responsibility. Like the Servants in the Parable of the Talents, we are each invited to serve as stewards of the Master's (God) Household. The following reflection questions invite you to focus on stewardship in your personal life and faith journey. There are no "correct" answers, only opportunities to grow deeper in our understanding and practice of this spiritual discipline. Whether you use these individually, in a group setting or with a coach, we believe this exploration can deepen and renew our faith and trust in God's abundant love for us – the Stewards of God's Household.

1. On a scale of 1-10, circle the number that best reflects your perspective if

**1** = God will provide all we need

**10** = My resources are the result of my hard work

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

2. How would you describe the way you currently manage your personal finances?

a. very well: \_\_\_\_\_

b. OK, but could do better/would like help: \_\_\_\_\_

c. poorly/need help: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Understanding finances is better left to others:    **True** \_\_\_\_\_    **False** \_\_\_\_\_

How does my response impact my actions at home and at church?

4. What experiences or beliefs have shaped your understanding of financial stewardship?

5. How would you personally define "stewardship"? What about "tithing"?

6. Understanding my personal finances and my church's finances is vital to my spiritual journey. **True or False?** How does my response impact my actions at home and at church?

7. What is the greatest obstacle to effective stewardship in your own life at this moment?