

Living As If It All Belongs To God

Introduction:

- A. If you were asked to define life's most basic reality, how would you answer?
- B. Here's one worthy attempt:

God is the _____ of all things, we are simply his _____.

I. What is stewardship, and why is ownership foundational to it?

- A. We hear about "stewardship" in a variety of contexts (environmental, American dream, etc.)
- B. The foundational meaning of stewardship is not found in secular culture, but in God's word.
 - 1. A *steward* — someone an owner _____ with the management of his assets.
 - 2. Therefore, there can be no real understanding of stewardship until there is an accurate awareness of _____.
 - 3. The steward cannot do his job well without clearly grasping who _____—and who does *not* _____—what is entrusted to his care.

II. Is God really the owner of it all?

- A. From beginning to end, Scripture emphasizes God's ownership of _____.
 - 1. *Psalms 24:1* —
 - 2. *Deuteronomy 10:14* —
 - 3. *Leviticus 25:23* —
 - 4. *1 Chronicles 29:11-12* —
 - 5. *Job 41:11* —
 - 6. *Psalms 50:10-12* —
 - 7. *Haggai 2:8* —
 - 8. *Acts 7:48-50* —
 - 8. *1 Corinthians 6:19-20* —
- B. Even more, God grants us our _____ and rules as _____ over all.
 - 1. *Deuteronomy 8:18* —
 - 2. *1 Samuel 2:7* —
 - 3. *Acts 17:24-28* —