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## Stewardship...A Call to Worship Part 2 - Community Trespassing

***There is no such thing as private property in a community of believers. (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35)***

“These believers were so taken up with the hopes of an inheritance in the other world that this was as nothing to them. No man said that [anything] which he possessed was his own. They did not call what they had their own, in a way of pride and vainglory, boasting of it, or trusting in it. They did not call it their own, because they had, in affection, forsaken all for Christ, and were continually expecting to be stripped of all for their adherence to him. They did not say that [it] was their own; for we can call nothing our own but sin. What we have in the world is more God's than our own; we have it from him, must use it for him, and are accountable for it to him.”  
(Matthew Henry's Commentary)

***Learning to worship God with our possessions happens in community.***

### **1 Peter 4:10-11**

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:  
11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

***Worship happens in community when we learn to gratefully steward the gifts that God has given us, regardless of the gifts he hasn't given us.***

Matthew 20 - Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard - "don't begrudge the master's generosity."

### **Dangers of comparison**

Comparison kills your opportunity to worship God in what he has entrusted to you.

Comparison kills your opportunity to worship God in how he has made you. (Rom.12:3-8)  
Comparison kills other people's opportunity to worship God through you. (Eph 4:11-13)

**Faithful, worshipful stewardship requires loving rebuke.**

*Matthew 25 - Parable of the Talents*

*Eph 4:14-16*

*14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

To an extent, all of us have a limited/faulty view of God that is affecting how we live out our faith. Biblical, covenant community is a call to an openhanded, surrendered pursuit of God TOGETHER!... where the gap between how we view/know God and who God really is, is continually getting smaller in light of our corporate pursuit of him!