

MANIFESTING GOD PODCAST

KINGDOM STEWARDSHIP: POSSESSIONS

Student Study Guide | Matthew 21:33–43

Episode: Possessions

Series: Kingdom Stewardship

1. Series Review

The five movements of Kingdom Stewardship are:

PRESENCE → PURPOSE → PROMPTING → POSSESSIONS → PERSON

P	Focus	My Notes
Presence	Staying near the Owner	
Purpose	Understanding God's intention	
Prompting	Hearing God's present direction	
Possessions	Managing God's entrustment	
Person	Christ manifested through the steward	

2. Anchor Scripture: Matthew 21:33–43

As you listen, focus on four things in Jesus' parable: the OWNER, the VINEYARD, the STEWARDS/TENANTS, and the FRUIT.

What did the landowner do before entrusting the vineyard to the tenants?

What did the owner expect to receive when the time of fruit came?

What did the tenants eventually try to seize for themselves?

3. Key Truth

Stewardship becomes corrupted when ENTRUSTMENT becomes ENTITLEMENT.

In your own words, what is the difference between being entrusted with something and owning it?

4. Follow the Progression

ACCESS → CONTROL → ENTITLEMENT → CHALLENGED AUTHORITY → ATTEMPTED OWNERSHIP

How do the wicked tenants demonstrate this progression in Matthew 21?

What warning does this progression give a believer today?

5. What Counts as a Possession?

Possessions in Kingdom stewardship are not limited to money. Check the things that God may entrust to a person:

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| ☐ Time | ☐ Talents/Gifts | ☐ Money/Resources |
| ☐ Education | ☐ Experience | ☐ Influence |
| ☐ Relationships | ☐ Family | ☐ Ministry |
| ☐ Business/Career | ☐ Opportunities | ☐ Testimony |

What has God entrusted to you in this season?

6. The Owner Expects Fruit

Matthew 21:34 shows that the owner returned looking for fruit. Psalm 24:1 reminds us that everything ultimately belongs to the Lord.

What fruit might God expect from the gifts, resources, opportunities, or influence He entrusts to us?

Complete the sentence: God did not entrust _____ to me merely to possess it; He entrusted it to me to _____.

7. When the Steward Starts Acting Like the Owner

“I decide what happens with it.” Where might personal preference replace God's direction?

“God cannot ask me to release it.” What can happen when the gift becomes more important than the Giver?

“I accomplished this myself.” How does Deuteronomy 8:17–18 correct this thinking?

8. Prompting + Possessions

If I see myself as the OWNER, God's prompting can feel like interference. If I understand myself as the STEWARD, God's prompting becomes instruction.

Why must a steward continue listening to God even after God has given something?

What does Joshua 5:12 (the manna ceased) teach us about changing seasons and changing instructions?

9. Reflection: Am I Holding It, or Is It Holding Me?

Read Matthew 6:21 and consider what your response to possessions can reveal about your heart.

What would be hardest for you to release if God changed the assignment?

Is there anything you may have begun treating as yours rather than God's?

How can you keep the Giver more important than the gift?

10. Stewardship Inventory

1. What has God entrusted to me?

2. Why might He have entrusted it to me?

3. What fruit should it produce?

4. What is God prompting me to do with it now?

5. Have I confused access with ownership?

6. Can God still tell me what to do with what He gave me?

11. From Inspiration to Manifestation

INSPIRATION → REVELATION → TRANSFORMATION → MANIFESTATION

INSPIRATION — What statement or Scripture stood out to me?

REVELATION — What did God help me understand?

TRANSFORMATION — What needs to change in my thinking, attitude, or behavior?

MANIFESTATION — What will obedience look like in my life this week?

12. Closing Truth

“It may be in my hands, but it still belongs to Him.”

The possession is not the goal; manifestation is.

13. This Week's Challenge

Choose ONE thing God has entrusted to you. Pray over it each day this week and ask:

- Lord, why did You entrust this to me?
- What fruit do You desire from it?
- What are You prompting me to do with it now?
- Is there anything about it I need to surrender?

My chosen area of stewardship:

My action step this week:
