

THE MANIFESTING GOD PODCAST

Companion Study Guide

The Stewardship of the Kingdom

Episode 1: From the Garden to the Kingdom: Rediscovering God's Original Design

“What did you do with what I entrusted to you?”

Episode Purpose

This study explores God's original design for humanity as faithful stewards of His Kingdom. From Genesis to Matthew 21, we discover that stewardship is not primarily about money—it is about faithfully cultivating everything God has entrusted to us so that the Person of Jesus Christ is manifested through our lives.

Key Scripture

Genesis 2:15 (NIV)

"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

Matthew 21

Jesus reveals five areas of Kingdom stewardship through His actions, teachings, and parables.

Key Truth

Stewardship begins with recognition—not responsibility.

Everything belongs to God.

We have been entrusted—not entitled.

Big Idea

God never intended humanity to own His Kingdom.

He intended us to faithfully steward it.

Word Study

עָבַד (ʿābad)

Meaning:

- serve
- cultivate
- worship through service
- labor faithfully

Reflection

How can my work become worship?

שָׁמַר (shāmar)

Meaning:

- guard
- preserve
- protect
- watch over faithfully

Reflection

What has God asked me to guard?

Kingdom Stewardship

Everything belongs to God.

Everything.

Psalm 24:1 reminds us that we own nothing—we simply manage what belongs to the King.
What have I begun treating as though it belongs to me?

The Five P's of Kingdom Stewardship

1. Presence

How am I stewarding God's Presence?

Prayer:

Action Step:

2. Purpose

Am I producing fruit or merely leaves?

What fruit is God developing?

3. Prompting

Where is God asking for obedience?

4. Possessions

What has God entrusted to me?

Time

Family

Influence

Career

Health

Finances

Calling

Relationships

Which one needs better stewardship?

5. Person

How can Christ become more visible through my life?

Reflection Questions

1. What challenged you most from today's teaching?

2. Which of the Five P's needs the greatest attention?

3. Have you been living more like an owner or a steward?

4. Where is God inviting you to surrender ownership?

5. What would change if you truly believed everything belongs to God?

Memory Verse

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it."

Weekly Challenge

Spend one day focusing on each stewardship:

Monday — Presence

Tuesday — Purpose

Wednesday — Prompting

Thursday — Possessions

Friday — Person

Journal one thing God reveals each day.

Prayer

Father,

Thank You for entrusting me with Your Kingdom. Teach me to live as a faithful steward rather than an owner. Help me to cultivate what You have given, guard what is precious, obey Your prompting, and bear fruit that glorifies You. May every area of my life reflect the Person of Jesus Christ so that others encounter Him through me. I surrender everything back to You, recognizing that all I have belongs to the King.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Kingdom Stewardship Declaration

Today I choose to live as a faithful steward of God's Kingdom.

Everything I have belongs to the King.

I will faithfully steward His Presence.

I will faithfully pursue His Purpose.

I will faithfully respond to His Prompting.

I will faithfully manage His Possessions.

Until the Person of Jesus Christ is manifested in and through my life.

I choose to move from Inspiration → Revelation → Transformation → Manifestation.

Because stewardship is not managing what is mine; stewardship is faithfully cultivating what belongs to the King until the King returns.