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Sense of Stewardship

1. This sermon series is about the 4 drivers of generosity. For you personally, which topic most drives your generosity? Source/amount of income, a sense of abundance, a sense of stewardship, or a sense of contentment? Explain.
2. Travis said today's message may affect you in one of three ways: it could encourage, affirm, or convict you (or all three). It may have affected you differently in different areas of stewardship. Give an example of how it affected you in a particular area?
3. **Read Matthew 25:14. "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property" (ESV).** What does "it" refer to? Hint: Read Matthew 25:1.
4. What is the literal meaning of "talent" in this passage? In what other areas of life are we called to be good stewards?
5. Travis talked about borrowing something of value from a friend. How did he say we should return the item? How does this apply to the parable of the talents?
6. **Read Psalms 24:1-2. "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters" (NIV).** How does this apply to stewardship in your life? Is this an easy or difficult concept for you to apply? Explain.
7. Travis said that ownership can create a white-knuckle grasp, a sense of entitlement, and greedy behavior. Have you ever acted in any of these ways with your children, or spouse, or position, or authority, or time? If so, give an example. Why do you think you reacted that way?
8. **Read 1 Peter 4:10. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (NIV).** What spiritual gifts has God given you to serve and encourage others? How are you using that to build up other believers?
9. Travis gave an illustration of an apple tree needing the outside influences of sun and rain to grow and produce fruit. What outside influences do we need to grow into the image of Christ?
10. As we steward our resources, what order should our priority be? Put the following items in order of priority (co-workers, the lost, family, friends, believers) Do you think everyone should have the same order of priorities? Why or why not?