

TakeNote

Pastor Shawn Thornton—
Weekend of **October 9–10, 2021**

It's His, Not Ours: The Spiritual Practice of Stewardship

—Psalm 24:1–2; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Matthew 25:14–30

Part 10 of the “Journey: How to Walk with God” sermon series

Spiritual Practices:

Intentional behaviors, habits, or disciplines that help us walk with God and be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

The Practice of Stewardship:

Seeing everything in my life as God's, not “ours” or “mine,” and then choosing to leverage it for the good of others and the glory of God.

1. As His Image-Bearers

- **The Care of Creation**

(Genesis 1:27–28, 2:15; Romans 1:20; Job 12:7–10; Leviticus 25:3–5)

- **The Common Good of Humanity**

(Psalm 33:5–6; Micah 6:8)

- **The Story of God in the Next Generation**

(Psalm 78:4–6, 127:3; Deuteronomy 6:4–9; 2 Timothy 1:5; Ephesians 5:21–33)

2. As His Church

- **Obedience to the Great Commandment**

(Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Matthew 22:36–40)

- *Loving God and loving others*

- **Fulfillment of the Great Commission**

(Matthew 28:19–20; Acts 1:8)

- *Proclaiming the gospel and making disciples*

- **Spreading of the Great Kingdom**

(Isaiah 33:22; Colossians 1:13–14; Luke 17:20–21; Matthew 6:10, 20:25–28)

- *Avoiding power and servng others*

3. As His Followers

- **To grow, mature, and flourish in Christ**

(2 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 1:28–29)

- **To be controlled by, and produce the fruit of, the Holy Spirit**

(Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22–23)

- **To use our time, talents, and treasure for Christ and His Kingdom**

(Matthew 6:19–24)

- **To change our world through transformed lives**

(Matthew 5:13–16)

Next Steps:

1. Make five post-its that simply say, “God Owns This” and put it on 5 of your things
2. Commit yourself afresh to your local church and invest your time, talents, and treasure there
3. Each day this week ask God to reveal the things in your life you have not truly seen as His

Resource to help you cultivate the spiritual practice of stewardship:

CalvaryWestlake.org/walk