



Life Stewardship Workshop

From A Biblical Perspective

Learning ways to take care of God's planet one choice at a time.

Why?

God Owns Everything

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world,
and all who live in it; **Psalm 24:1**

To the LORD your God belongs the heavens, even the
highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.

Deut 10:14

GOALS

- To understanding your role as stewards in all areas and aspects of your lives.
- To consider what God desires us to do with His planet.
- To discuss several topics to get you thinking like a steward.
- To go home with resources and a goal to change.

Stewardship is a
responsibility to take
care of something
owned by someone else.

Said Another Way:

Stewardship is taking what you have and using it to the best of your ability.



”I don’t want to make the effort”

“I’m too busy”

”I don’t have a green thumb”

”I’m just one person, what can I do?”

“It won’t really matter in the grand scheme of things”

POSSESSIONS

But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things will be added to you. Do not then be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own anxieties. Enough for each day are its own troubles. Matt 6:33-34



...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Luke 12:48

M O N E Y



MONEY

Repeat exercise:

I am a steward of the MONEY

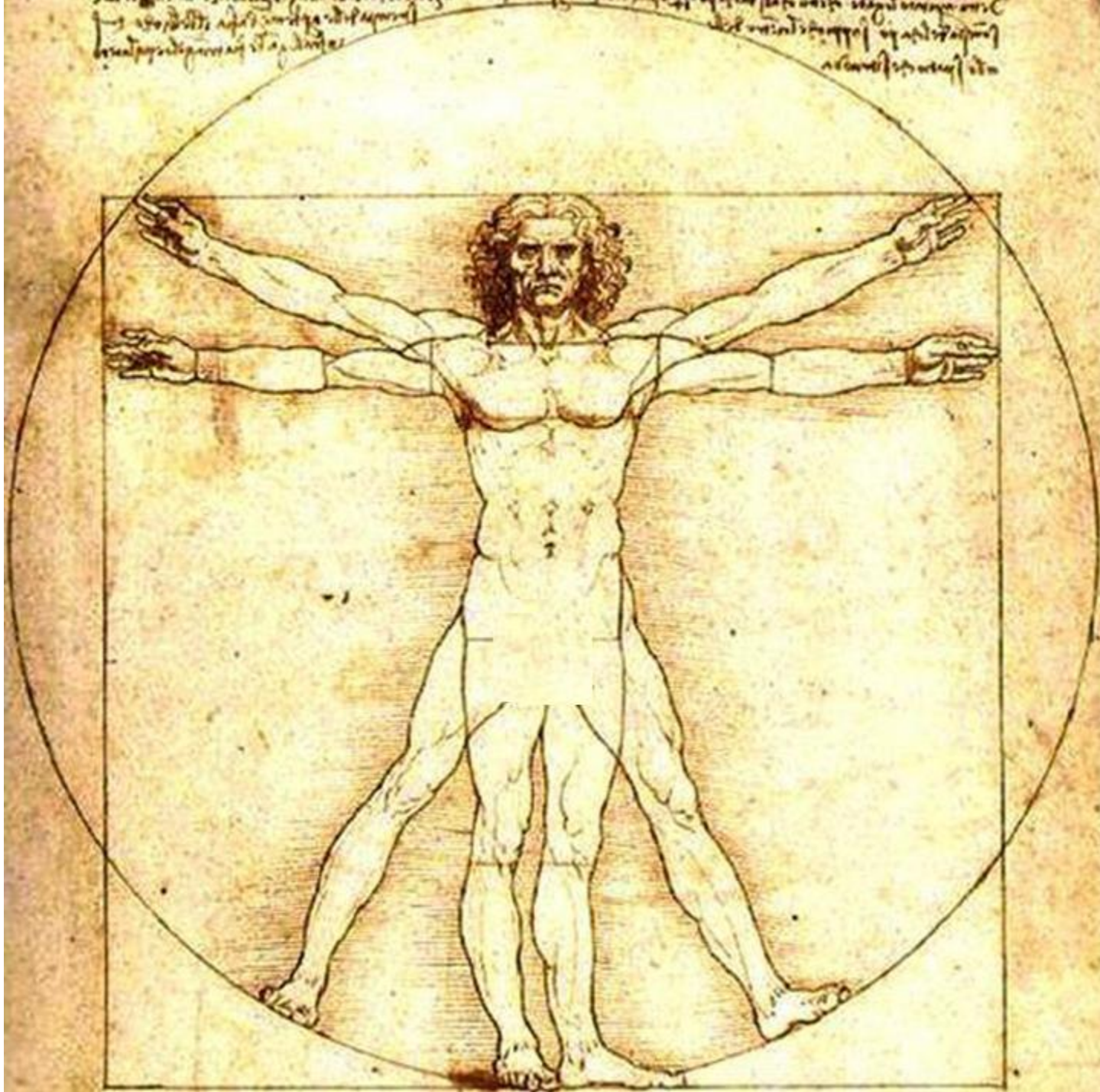
God has bestowed upon me.

- **An Idol?** **Heb 13:5** Do not be carried away by the love of money; but be content with what you have:...
- **Debts** **Rom 13:8** Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law.
- **Savings** **Prov 13:11** Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.

1Tim 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.



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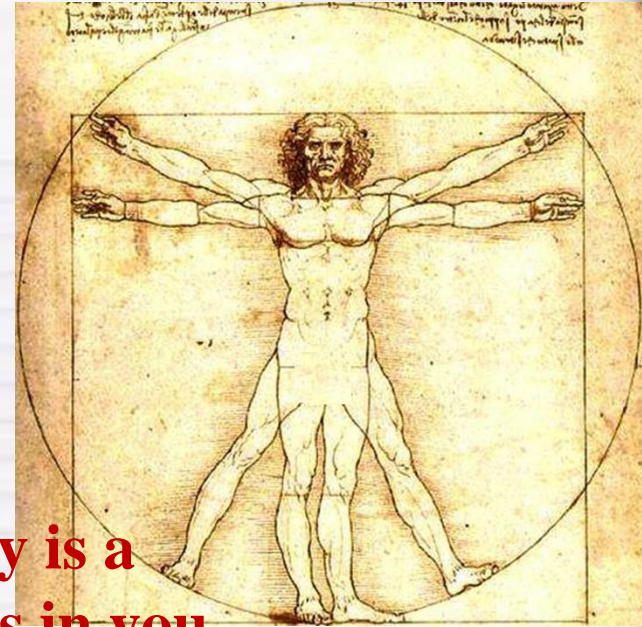
**I am a steward of the BODY
God has bestowed upon me.**

- **Temple**

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- **Exercise**

- **What We Put In Our Body (Daniel 1:3-16)**



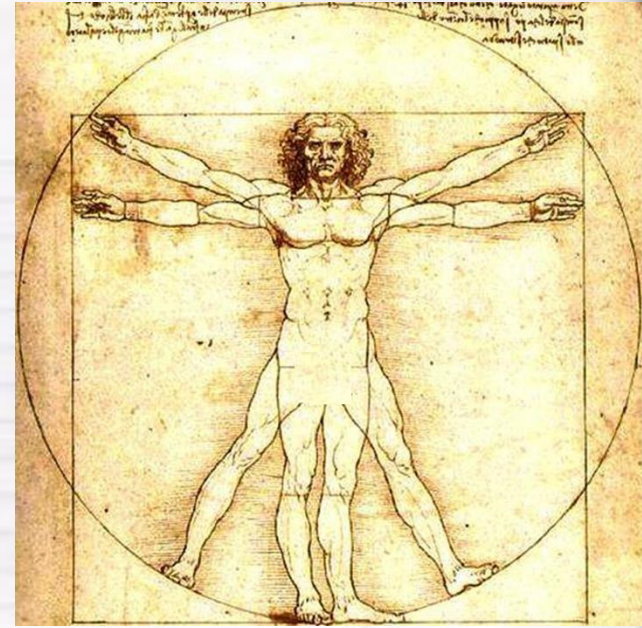
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- **Our Actions**

Matt 25:40 The King will answer them, "I tell you the truth. What you did for even the least of these people you did for me. They are my brothers."

- **The Words We Speak**

Matt 12:36 But I say to you, That every idle word that men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.



VEHICLES



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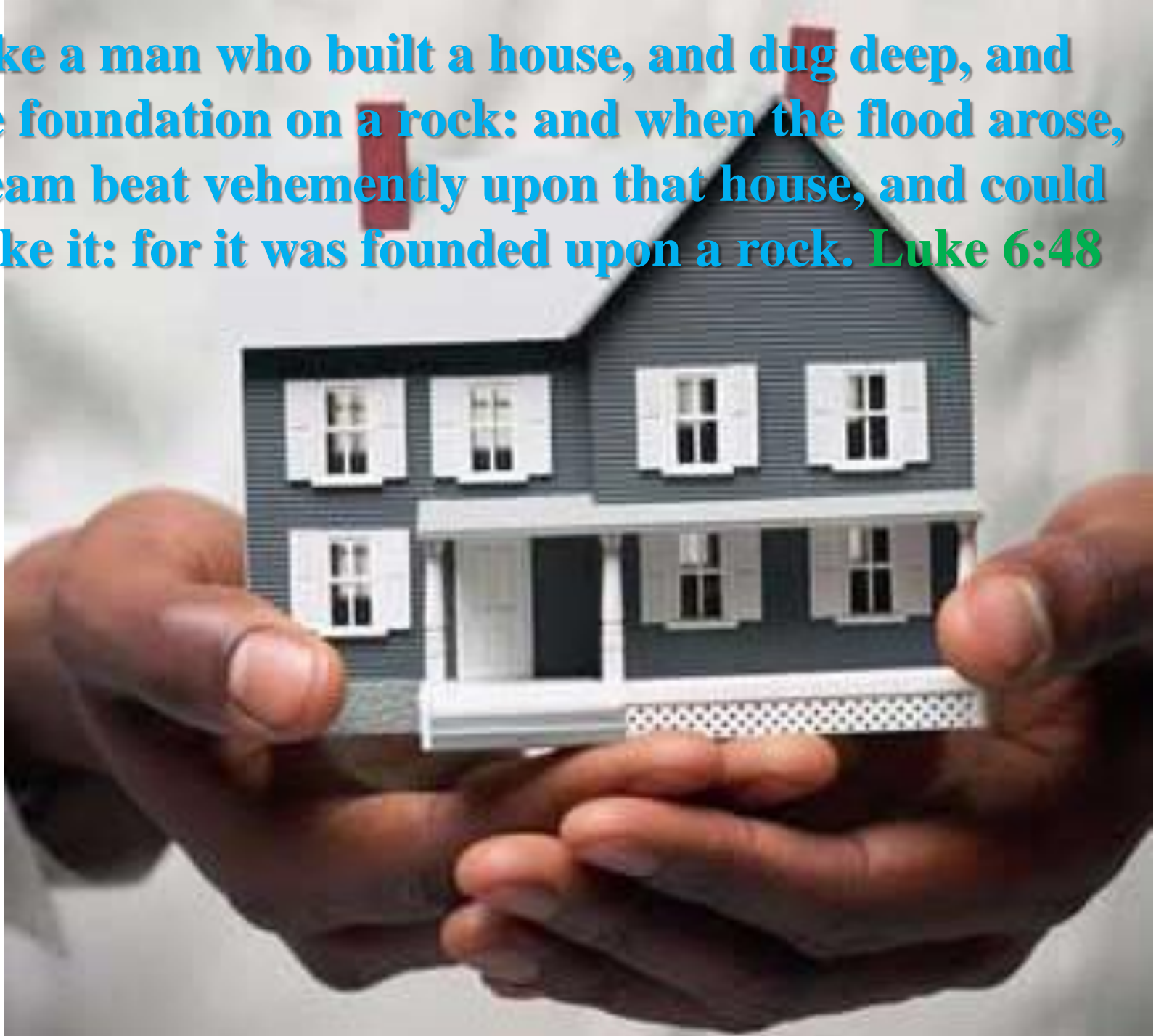
**I am a steward of the VEHICLES
God has bestowed upon me.**



- **Maintenance**
- **Keep It Clean**
- **Driving Habits**
- **Efficiency and Alternatives**

He is like a man who built a house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. Luke 6:48

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HOME

Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the HOME
God has bestowed upon me.**


- **Appreciate What You Have**

**1Tim 6:8 And having food and
clothing let us be with these
things content.**

- **Maintenance**
- **Keep It Clean**
- **Clothes**



LAND

A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a large, dark pine tree with dense needles frames the top and right sides of the image. The sun is shining brightly through the branches on the right, creating a lens flare effect. The middle ground shows a lush green valley with rolling hills and patches of yellow wildflowers. In the background, a range of rugged, blue-grey mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

**Thus says the LORD,
The heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my
footstool:...Isa 66:1**

LAND

Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the LAND
God has bestowed upon me.**

- **Care for the Land**
- **Plants**
- **Garden Care**



TOOLS



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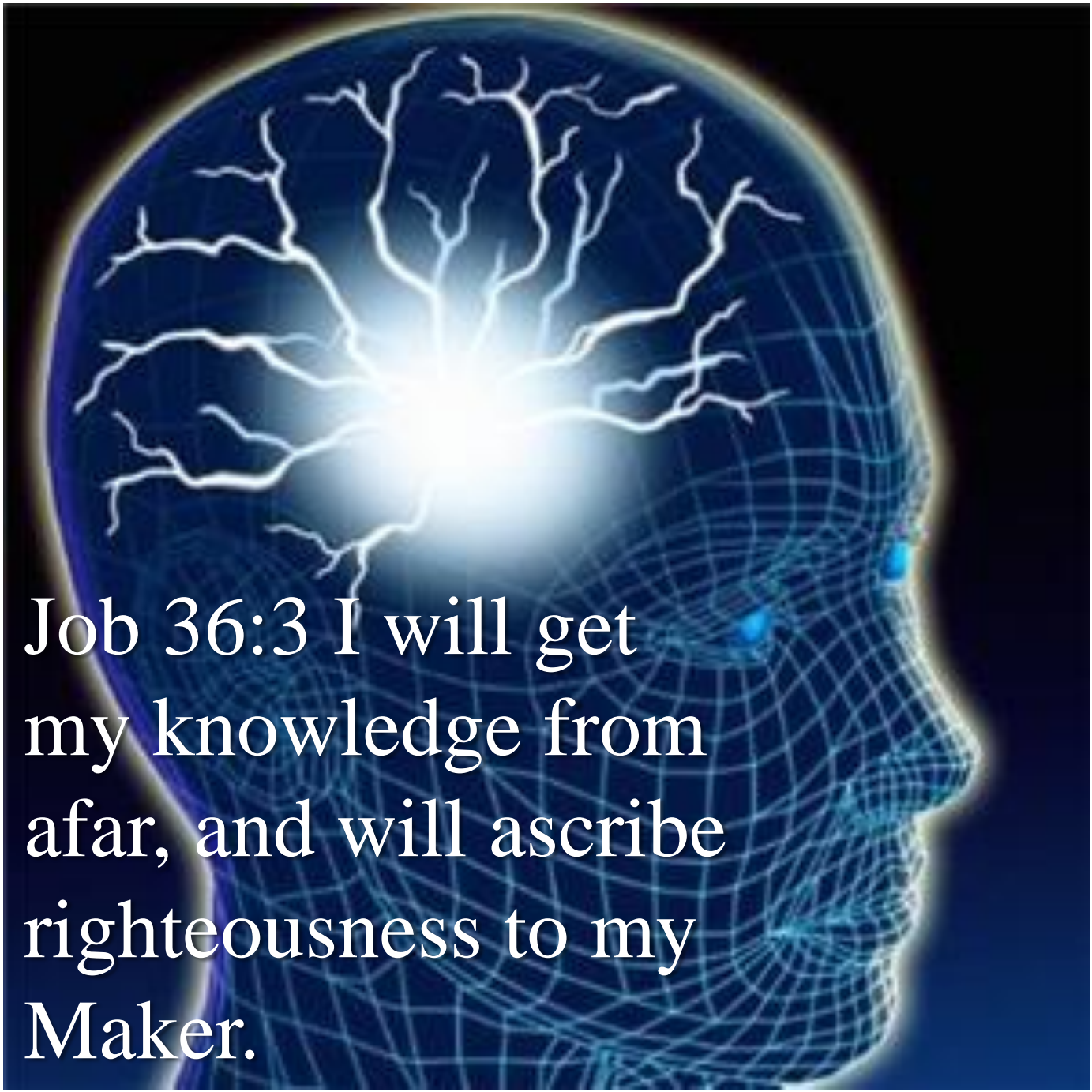
Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the TOOLS
God has bestowed upon me.**

- **Care**
- **Organize**
- **Borrow or Rent**



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Job 36:3 I will get
my knowledge from
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righteousness to my
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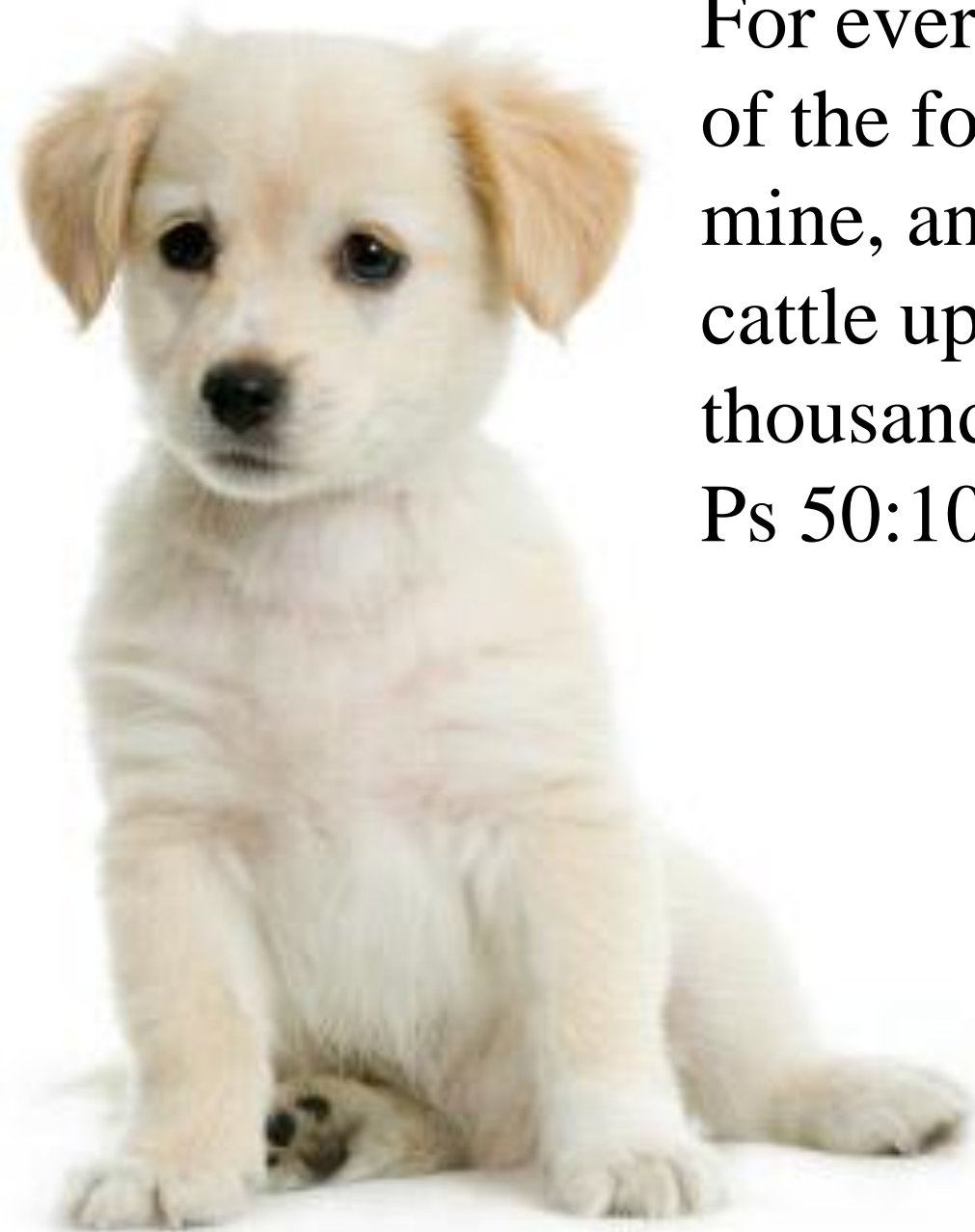
Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the KNOWLEDGE
God has bestowed upon me.**

- **Use and Share**
- **Wisdom is knowledge
gained through experience
and used properly the next
time.**



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For every beast
of the forest is
mine, and the
cattle upon a
thousand hills.
Ps 50:10

ANIMALS

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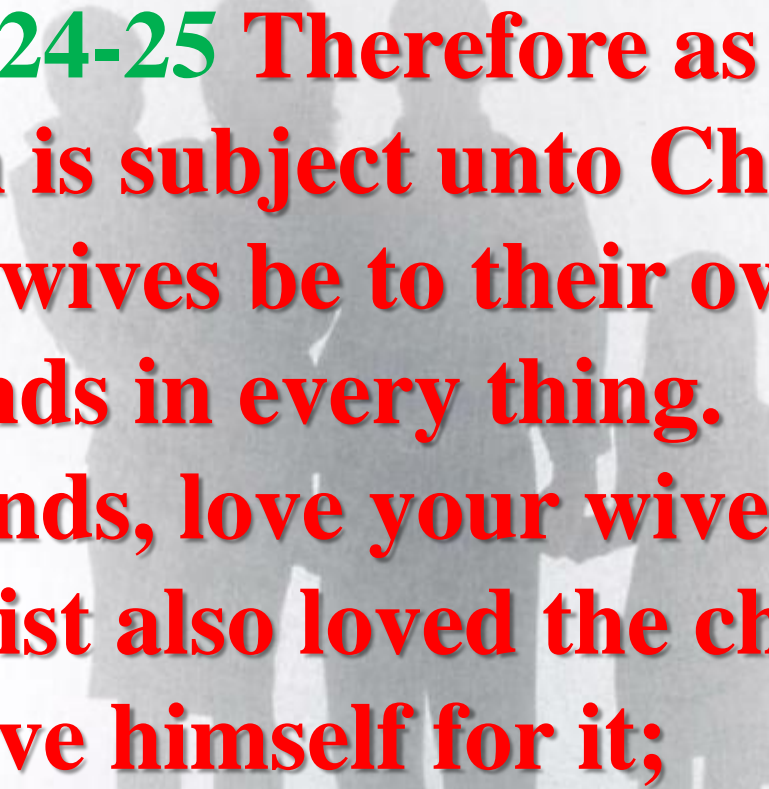
**I am a steward of the ANIMALS
God has bestowed upon me.**

- **Health and Care**
- **Cleanup**

Prov 12:10 A righteous man cares
for the needs of his animal, but the
kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.



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A faint, grayscale background image showing the silhouettes of a family of four (two adults and two children) standing together, facing forward. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be overlaid.

Eph 5:24-25 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

FAMILY

Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the FAMILY
God has bestowed upon me.**

- **Teach Your Children**

Deut 6:6-7 And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart: And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

- **Love and Care**
- **Legacy**



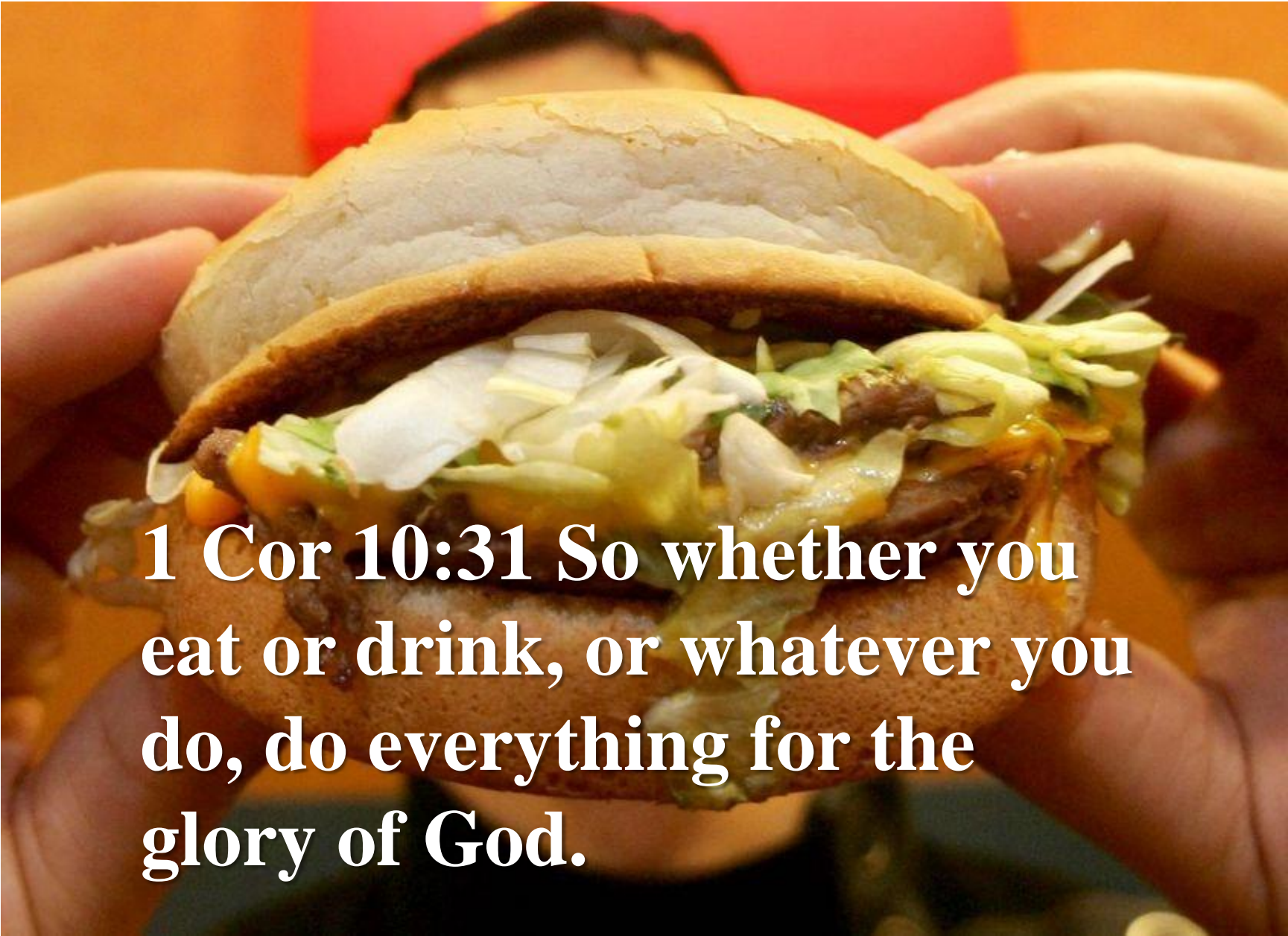
End of POSSESSIONS

1Tim 6:7-8 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. Therefore, let us be satisfied with food and clothing;

BREAK

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A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a large sandwich. The sandwich is filled with meat, cheese, and lettuce. The background is a warm, orange-red color.

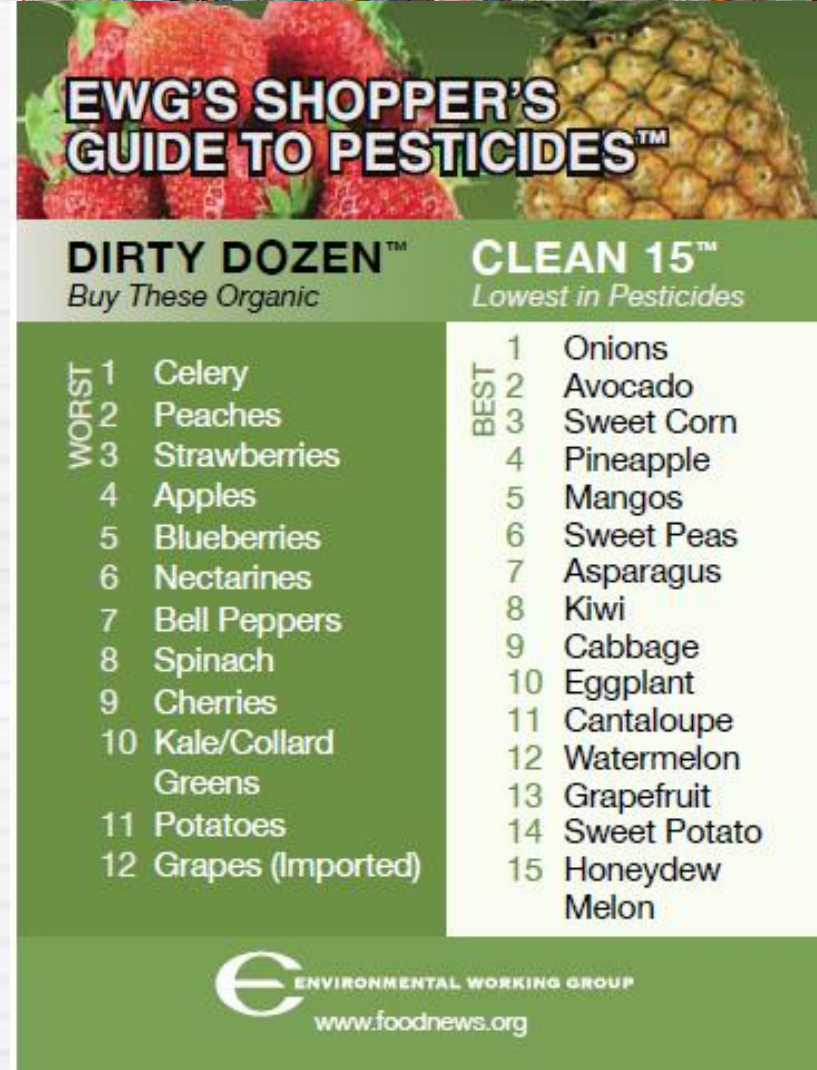
**1 Cor 10:31 So whether you
eat or drink, or whatever you
do, do everything for the
glory of God.**

FOOD

Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the FOOD
God has bestowed upon me.**

- Source
- Conservation
- Meat
- Food Miles
- Packaging
 - Glass
 - BYOB
- Dirty Dozen
- Grow It!
- Personal Products




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DIRTY DOZEN™
Buy These Organic

CLEAN 15™
Lowest in Pesticides

WORST	1 Celery	BEST	1 Onions
	2 Peaches		2 Avocado
	3 Strawberries		3 Sweet Corn
	4 Apples		4 Pineapple
	5 Blueberries		5 Mangos
	6 Nectarines		6 Sweet Peas
	7 Bell Peppers		7 Asparagus
	8 Spinach		8 Kiwi
	9 Cherries		9 Cabbage
	10 Kale/Collard Greens		10 Eggplant
	11 Potatoes		11 Cantaloupe
	12 Grapes (Imported)		12 Watermelon
			13 Grapefruit
			14 Sweet Potato
			15 Honeydew Melon

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WATER



WATER

Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the WATER
God has bestowed upon me.**



- **Conservation**
- **Filter It**
- **Reusable Bottle**

ENERGY



ENERGY

Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the ENERGY
God has bestowed upon me.**

- **Conservation**
- **CFL**
- **Alternative Energy**



TIME

Eccl 3:1 To
Everything
there is a
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every
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heaven.



TIME

Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the TIME
God has bestowed upon me.**

- **Be Productive**
- **Proper Balance**
 - **Set Priorities**
 - **Plan, Schedule and Do**
 - **Delegate / Get Help**
- **Be Present!**



BREAK

PRODUCE



WORK

Prov 6:6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:



WORK

Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the WORK
God has bestowed upon me.**

- Integrity

Lev 19:35 You shall do no
unrighteousness in judgment, in
measures of length, of weight, or
of quantity.

Prov 20:10 Differing weights and
differing measures, Both of them
alike are an abomination to the
LORD.



T A L E N T S



TALENTS

Repeat exercise:

**I am a steward of the TALENTS
God has bestowed upon me.**



- **Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25)**

GARBAGE



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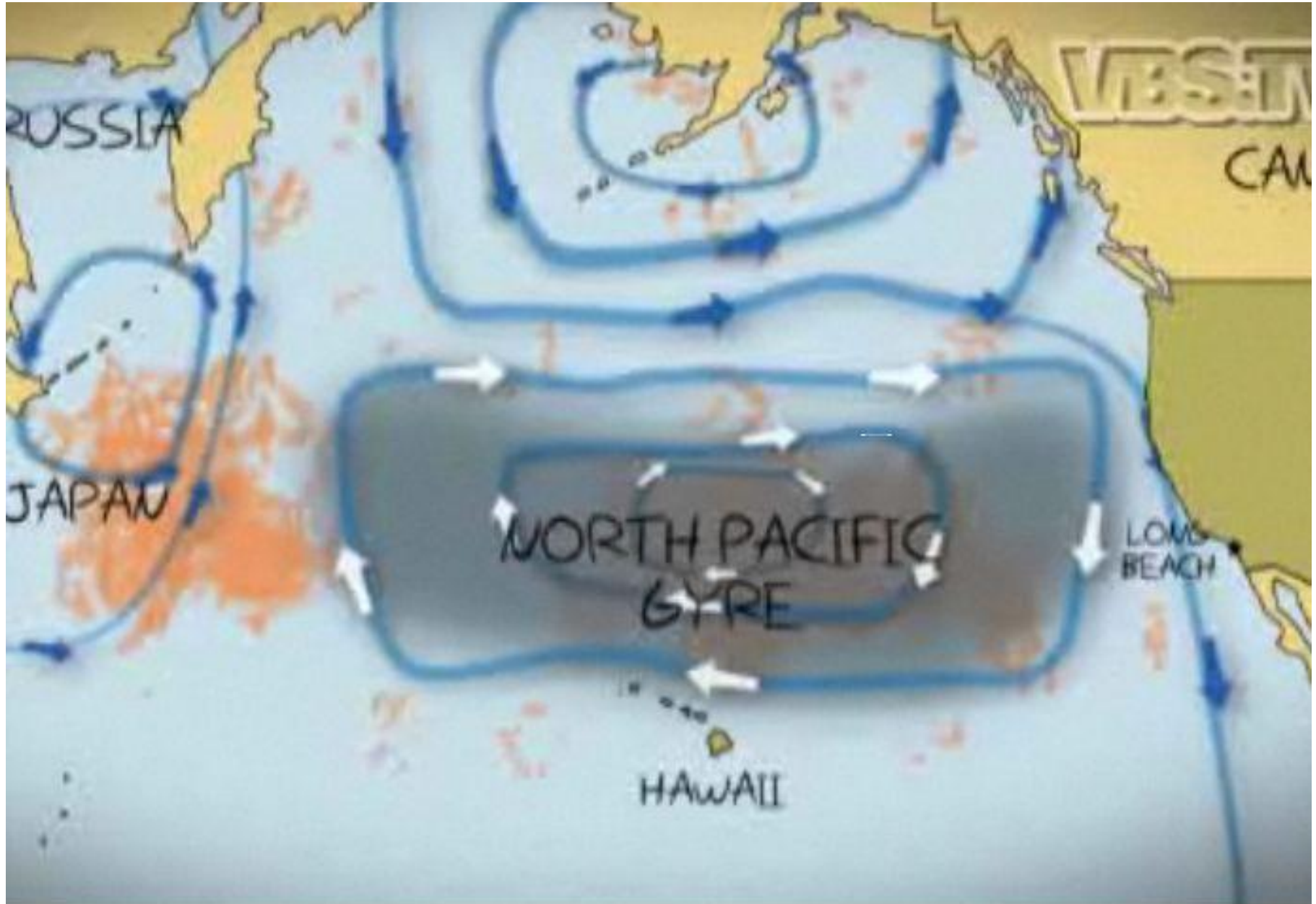
Repeat exercise:

**I am RESPONSIBLE for the
GARBAGE I PRODUCE.**

- Life Cycle
- Think About It
- **REDUCE**
- **REUSE**
- **RECYCLE**
- Compost



GARBAGE ISLAND







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SECRETS OF THE DEEP

THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH

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We did not show this to overwhelm you, we wanted you to be aware of this problem. Now that you know this truth, what do we do about it?

No single person can fix this, but we can collectively make a difference, it starts with you.

Everything is connected. Food is connected to everything – air, water, soil, chemicals, volcanoes on the other side of the world, plastic floating in a ocean, eaten by a fish which is eaten by a bigger fish eaten by you and now poisoning you. Or put in the fertilizer that is put in your potting soil that goes in your vegetable garden eaten by you. Just because it is on the other side of the planet, on another continent, in another country, another state, some other county, not your neighborhood – it does affect you, it will affect you and you cannot ignore it. Do not let this be permission to take on the weight of the world or to fear, you just need to acknowledge that your actions do impact the whole and the whole is important. Stewardship goes far beyond what you physically touch and see, it compounds dynamically over the course of time so that now there is an island of plastic in the middle of nowhere ocean. A place you would think should be the most pristine and untouched.

Even hidden sin – dumping garbage in the ocean – will come to light. Burying trash will not make it go away either. It has to be dealt with or it will poison the ground and make you sick. Deal with everything for if you do not, it will fester, rot, break down into sharp tiny poisonous pieces that will spread from you to others. The earth is not broken yet, it can be fixed but you must start now, not tomorrow, not later, now. Choose to honor God in stewardship in taking care of the planet, time, resources and talents He has given us. Choose you this day who you will serve, God? or convenience, greed and selfish carelessness. It isn't their problem or a problem for someone else to fix – it is our problem.

Imagine standing before your Heavenly Father who has every deed done, every word spoken, every thought you have entertained recorded and then seeing your own personal landfill, filled with all the garbage you have produced. Things you have trashed, tossed out the window of a car, dropped as you walked, didn't recycle, poured out on the ground or buried in the back yard. If you could see it all in one pile from a lifetime of use, I am sure you will agree with me that one person can make a difference – even if it is just before your Heavenly Father.

You have the ability to change – are you willing? One person is not much but one person can change others. You are responsible for you and that is all you can control right now so do the best you can with what you know, have learned and have access to.

Now that we understand more about stewardship, what will we do about it? It is going to require time, energy, thought and deliberate action. It may take you out of your comfort zone.

Resources

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- **Goals and Accountability & Resources**
- **Free Recycling Resources in the Area.**
- **Dirty Dozen**
- **Plastics**
- **Book and Website Resources**
- **The Story of Stuff**
- **Chemicals in Food , Personal & Cleaning Products**
- **Composting**
- **2nd Hand Stores**
- **Please Contribute Info: tcampau@yahoo.com**

BONUS

Tasker Computer Program

PDF of Presentation Slides



Tasker Task Manager

DATA LAYOUT DEFAULTS

Filter1 Filter2 Projects User Search DB List

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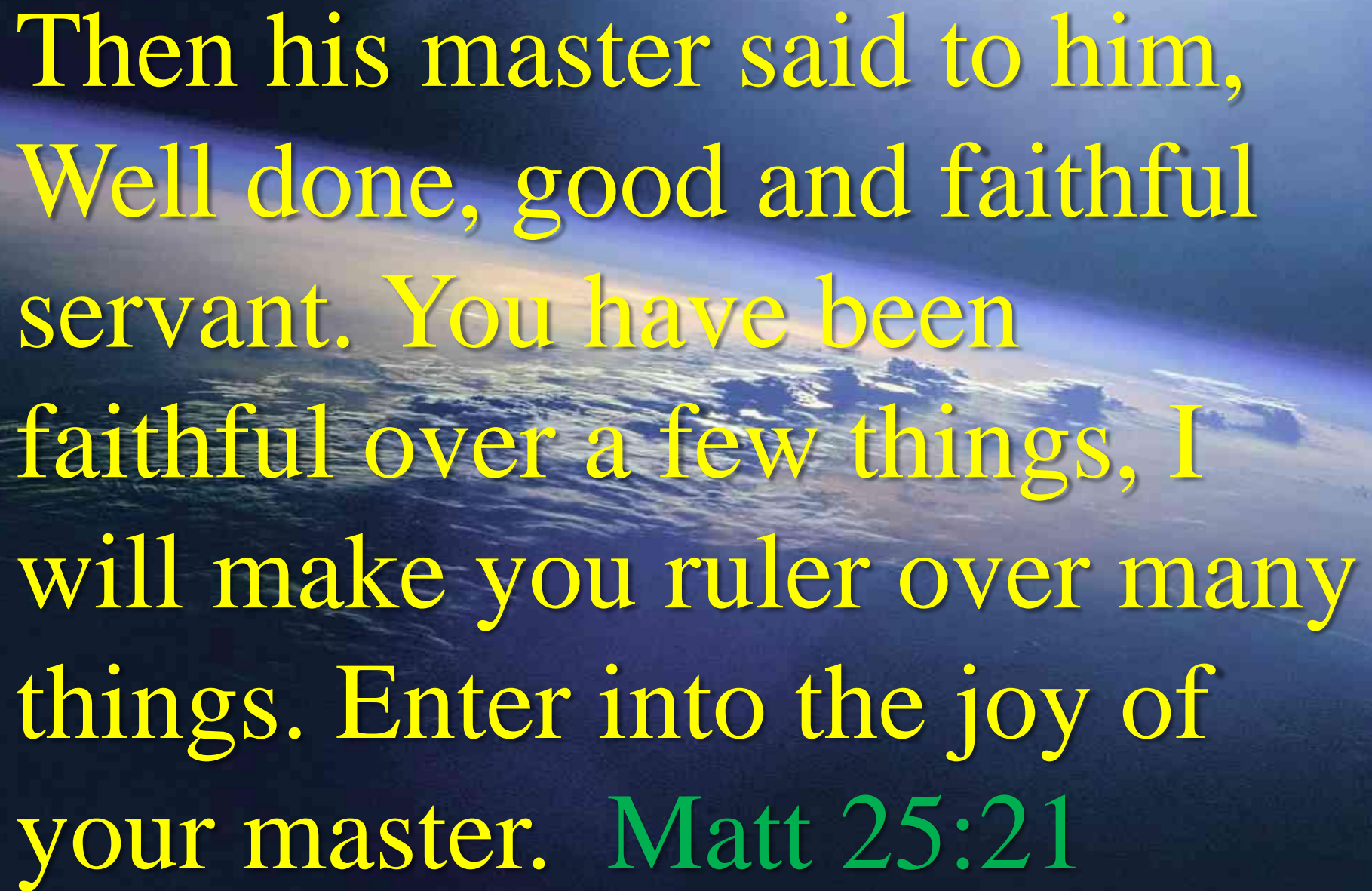
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Do all things joyfully unto YHWH.

Task	Project	Status	Priority	Start Date	End Date	User	Mac	Notes
Peanut Butter	Basement Cabinet		Low		12/3/2011		3	✓
Pecans	Kitchen Refiger...						1	✓
Pecans	Basement Freezer			3/15/2011			7	✓
Pecans (in shell)	Basement Closet							✓
Peppers - quart bag chopped	Basement Freezer						0	✓
Popcorn	Basement Cabinet					Full	4	✓
Quinoa	Basement Freezer			5/1/2010			3	✓
Raisins	Basement Closet			11/1/2010		Full	1	✓
Rice	Basement Freezer			9/23/2010		Full	19	✓
Rice Cakes	Basement Cabinet		Low		5/23/2011	Full	5	✓
Salsa Dressing	Basement Cabinet				5/5/2011		5	✓
Salsa	Basement Cabinet				11/28/2012	Full	15	✓
Spaghetti Sauce	Basement Cabinet				1/31/2013	Full	6	✓

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Then his master said to him,
Well done, good and faithful
servant. You have been
faithful over a few things, I
will make you ruler over many
things. Enter into the joy of
your master. Matt 25:21

A photograph of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and a layer of white clouds. The sun is visible on the horizon, creating a bright glow and casting long shadows across the clouds. The sky above the horizon is a deep blue.

God Owns Everything!

Am I being a Good Steward?

Questions And Comments