

## LESSON 2: Ownership and Stewardship of What You Have.

Read pages 10-12 of Giving God's Way

### 1. Underline what God has created in the passages below.

Nehemiah 9:6 You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

Acts 17:25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

Col 1:15 – 17 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Hebrews 1:10 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

### 2. Underline what skills, talents or abilities that God has given people.

Ex 35:35 He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as craftsmen, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers--all of them master craftsmen and designers.

Psa 139:13 – 16 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

2Cor 3:5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.

Romans 11:35-36 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" [36] For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

John 3:27 To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven.

### 3. According to the passage below and those above, what do you have that you own? What do you have that God owns?

Deut. 8:17-18 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." [18] But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

### 4. Read the passage below and answer the questions addressing selected portions of the passage.

Genesis 1:26-29

[26] Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." [27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. [28] God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

[29] Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."

\* In verse 28 God blesses man then gives a number of commands. What are the commands? What is the significance of each command?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

\* In verse 29 what is the significance of God giving man seed-bearing plants and trees that have fruit with seeds in it? How many of the plants and trees did God give man?

5. What is your role over what God has given you? Who owns what God has given you?