

Being a Good Asset Manager
The Maker and His Manager - Part 4 of 4
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“Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.”
1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)

“He [God] owns the depths of the earth, and even the mightiest mountains are his.”
Psalm 95:4 (NLT)

“...We own nothing, and yet we enjoy everything.”
2 Corinthians 6:10 (L.B.)

Example: 1 Chronicles 29:1-12

Lessons on financial management from David’s prayer:

1. Everything belongs to God.

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.” 1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV)

2. Everything comes from God.

“Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.” 1 Chronicles 29:12a (NLT)

3. Everything is distributed by God.

“...In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.” 1 Chronicles 29:12b (NLT)

THREE CONDITIONS FOR MANAGING GOD’S ASSETS:

1. Use and enjoy them.

“God provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”
1 Timothy 6:17

2. Manage and maintain them responsibly.

- Save.

“Go to the ant and learn from him, consider its ways. It has no commander, or no ruler or overseer, yet it stores up provisions in the summer, and gathers its food at the harvest.”
Proverbs 6:6-8

- Invest.

“Bring the full tithe, the full ten percent of your earnings into my storehouse that there might be provision in my house. Test me in this and see if I won’t open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing upon you so much that you cannot receive it.”
Malachi 3:10

- Share.

“He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord...”
Proverbs 19:17

3. Expect a divine audit.

Jesus: **“Their master returned from his trip and called them to him to account for his money.”**
Matthew 25:19 (LB)

Also: Luke 16:2; Romans 14:2