



# Living with Purpose

IN A WORLD THAT NEVER STOPS

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There's an uncomfortable truth we all know but would rather put off thinking about: **nothing we have is permanent.** It doesn't matter how much we accumulate, how hard we work, or how carefully we hold on eventually, everything slips through our fingers. And that reality, far from being just a final tragedy, reveals something deeper about the way we're living right now.

**01** Scripture puts forward an idea that runs headlong into the modern mindset: we are not absolute owners **we are temporary stewards.**



Life, time, the ability to work, our talents, our opportunities, our resources none of it originates with us. It passes through our hands, but it doesn't start there. When we forget that, life becomes a race for control: protect what's mine, secure what's mine, compete for more. When we get it, life shifts on its axis: steward wisely, care for what's been entrusted, and use it with purpose.

**02**

**This isn't a diminished way of living it's a freer one. The drive to possess generates constant anxiety: fear of losing, fear of not having enough, fear of falling behind.**



Faithful stewardship, on the other hand, produces clarity: knowing what matters, what's temporary, and what's actually worth investing in. And not everything is measured in dollars. Wasted time doesn't come back. A neglected body sends the bill eventually. Buried talents wither. Influence misused causes damage.

**03** That's why faithfulness doesn't begin with grand, heroic decisions it begins in the everyday:

how you spend your hours, how you act when no one's watching, how you handle a little before you're ever trusted with a lot. The problem isn't having resources. The problem is when the resources have you.

**Within this framework, the practice of giving and sharing finds its place. Not as a spiritual transaction or a mechanism to "unlock blessings," but as training for the heart.**

Giving intentionally shatters the illusion of self-sufficiency and calls us back to an essential truth: life doesn't revolve around me. Generosity doesn't leave you poorer it reorders you. And a reordered heart lives with less fear and more freedom.

**It has to be said plainly: the religious distortion of these principles has done real harm manipulation, guilt, exploitation. That's worth naming without apology.**

But abuse doesn't invalidate the original idea. The honest question isn't how much do I give it's what place God, other people, and genuine purpose actually hold in the way I live.

Living as a steward doesn't mean living with less. It means living better. It means understanding that what is truly valuable isn't accumulated it's cultivated. And in the end, what lasts isn't what we held onto, but what we used well while it was in our hands.

