

LESSON 12

Living with Purpose

IN A WORLD THAT NEVER STOPS

INTRODUCTION

The world never stops. Days fly by like trains without brakes. A message here, a deadline there, a new pressure every week. We live full... but not fulfilled. Busy... but not satisfied. We have goals... but often no direction.

And when life becomes nonstop noise, purpose begins to fade. Then come the questions we avoid: “What am I building?” “Where is all this taking me?” “Who am I without my busy schedule?”

The Bible doesn’t respond with clichés. It responds with deep truth: your life isn’t an accident. It isn’t luck, and it isn’t a random collection of days. God designed you with intention, with gifts, with calling, with direction. Living with purpose isn’t doing more, it’s knowing why you do what you do. It’s walking toward something eternal in the middle of a world that never slows down.

In this lesson we will discover that being faithful stewards is not losing freedom, but discovering the true wealth of living under God’s plan.

LET'S EXPLORE THE BIBLE

A. Everything belongs to God

The Bible is clear: “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine” (Haggai 2:8, NKJV). Every skill, every opportunity, and even the strength to work come from God (Deuteronomy 8:18, NKJV). Remembering this frees us from pride and awakens gratitude.



B. We are stewards, not owners

Jesus told the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30, NKJV). There He shows that every person is entrusted with something: time, resources, abilities. Being faithful does not depend on how much you received, but on how you use it to bear fruit and bless.



C. Faithfulness in the small things

Jesus taught: “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much” (Luke 16:10, NKJV). Christian stewardship does not begin with big projects, but in the everyday: managing your time, your health, your relationships.



D. Tithes and offerings

God invites: “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse... and prove me now herewith” (Malachi 3:10, NKJV). The tithe is a reminder that God owns everything. It is not a tax, but an act of trust. Offerings are a voluntary expression of love and gratitude. Both protect our hearts from greed and support the mission.



E. Integral stewardship

Stewardship is not limited to money. Paul teaches that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NKJV). That means taking care of health, managing time, and developing talents as part of honoring God.





LET'S REFLECT ON A FEW POINTS

1. What would happen if you saw your resources, talents, and time as something borrowed?

2. How would your way of managing what you have change if you remembered that everything comes from God?

3. What areas of your life need more responsible and generous use?

PERSONAL DECISION

Today God reminds you that what you are and what you have belongs to Him. Not because He wants to take something from you, but because He wants to free you from the selfishness that chains you and give you the freedom to live generously. The true blessing is not in accumulating, but in placing what we have in His hands. Decide today to be a faithful steward: to use your time, your talents, and your resources to glorify God and serve others.

PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR THIS LESSON

Don't let yourself be manipulated by false promises.

Some religious leaders say: "If you give your money, God will bless you," as if it were a business deal or a condition to receive favors. Others even manipulate by saying they dreamed that you must give your house, your car, or your land. That is not biblical.

Giving is not a pact to twist God's arm.

God does not move because you "make a pact" with Him or try to buy a miracle. The Bible teaches that giving is an act of gratitude and trust, not a bargaining chip (2 Corinthians 9:7, NKJV).

Distortion does not cancel the truth.

It is true that many have used the subject of tithes and offerings to enrich themselves or manipulate. But that does not mean the biblical principle ceases to be valid.

Remember the divine purpose.

Faithfulness in stewardship is not an end in itself, but a means to glorify God and bless others.

Why give if God doesn't need money?

God doesn't need our resources. The act of giving is for our benefit: it breaks selfishness and reminds us that we depend on Him (Malachi 3:10, NKJV).

Isn't it enough to be generous in my own way?

Generosity is good, but the biblical principle of tithing and offering invites us to honor God first, before ourselves (Proverbs 3:9-10, NKJV).

"Isn't what I earn through my effort mine?"

Your effort counts, but who gave you life, health, and the ability to work? (Deuteronomy 8:17-18, NKJV). Without God, you would have nothing.



DID YOU KNOW...?

Modern studies show that generous people tend to live happier, with less stress, and with better emotional health. What the Bible teaches about giving with gratitude is even supported by science.

IMPORTANT TIP

Faithfulness in stewardship is not measured by quantity, but by the heart. It does not matter if you have much or little: when you give what God asks of you with gratitude and trust, He promises to open the windows of heaven and pour out blessing until it overflows.

KEY TEXT

“THE EARTH
IS THE
LORD’S,
AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF;
THE WORLD, AND THEY THAT DWELL
THEREIN”

(Psalm 24:1, NKJV)



FINAL TIP

A famous millionaire was interviewed shortly before dying. The journalist asked him: “How much money will you leave?” He replied: “All of it”. That simple word reveals a truth we all know but prefer to ignore; nothing we have belongs to us forever. Houses, cars, savings, titles... everything stays here.


The Bible presents a very different perspective from the consumerist world we live in. According to Scripture, we are not absolute owners of anything: we are stewards of what God entrusts to us. From the air we breathe to the opportunities of each day, everything comes from Him. That is why the Scripture says: “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein” (Psalm 24:1, NKJV).

This radically changes our way of living. It is not only about managing money wisely, but about understanding that our life, talents, time, and material resources are divine gifts that we must use with purpose. Selfishness says: “It’s mine, I enjoy it as I want”. The gospel responds: “It is God’s, I manage it to bless”.

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CONCLUSION



You can keep running without direction... or you can start living with clarity. Purpose doesn't rise from the noise. It rises from the Voice that created you. When God steps into your story, He doesn't just give you tasks to do, He gives meaning to your life. He doesn't just show you a path He shows you who you are. The world won't stop, but you can learn to walk with purpose, with peace, with confidence that every day carries eternal weight.

Living with purpose isn't a spiritual luxury. It's your design. And God wants to reveal it to you... step by step.

EVALUATE YOUR LEARNING

1. Mark with a T if the statement is true or F if it is false.

- () According to the Bible, human beings are the absolute owners of what they possess because everything is the result of their personal effort.
- () The lesson teaches that the tithe is an act of gratitude and trust, not a way to buy blessings.
- () Christian stewardship is limited solely to the management of money.

2. According to the lesson, what does the parable of the talents teach?

- a) That everyone receives the same amount of resources
- b) That God evaluates only visible results
- c) That we are responsible for using what God entrusts to us to produce fruit
- d) That talents refer only to artistic abilities

3. According to the lesson, what is the main purpose of tithes and offerings?

- a) To guarantee economic prosperity
- b) To sustain human traditions
- c) To remind us that God is the owner of everything and to support His mission
- d) To replace personal faith

4. According to the lesson, what does it mean to be a “faithful steward” before God?

WHAT MOST CAUGHT YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS LESSON

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