

**Taking it Home:**

- Everything you have has been given to you by God to manage; He owns everything. How have you been managing everything God has given to you?
- It is clear from scripture that every person will have to give an account to God for their stewardship (management) of everything God gave them during their lifetime on earth. Read 1 Cor. 3:11-15? In what areas are you convicted to be a better manager or steward?
- Do you sometimes take God for granted? Are there clear applications from today's message that help you understand the importance of being grateful for ALL God has given to you?

**Related Resources**

*Total Money Makeover*, Dave Ramsey

*Radical*, David Platt

*The Treasure Principle*, Randy Alcorn

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God Owns it All

Psalm 24:1 & Deuteronomy 8:10-18

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of November 21, 2010

Psalm 24:1 & Deuteronomy 8:10-18

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**Quick Review:** Moses warns the Israelites that all of life and everything a person has is a gift from God. It is a fact that God owns everything. All of life is a gift from God and nothing is possible apart from Him. The person who fails to recognize God's faithful provision or fails to praise the Lord for His provision is stepping toward forgetting God and believing they have control of everything and not God. This is a clear warning from Moses to the Israelites 3,500 years ago and for followers of our Lord today.

## My Story

- Without using names, can you recall a person who was given much but was ungrateful for what they had? What was your personal opinion of their attitude of ungratefulness?
- Define what the word manager means to you. Can you remember anyone you know/knew who managed someone's money or business and were held accountable by the owner because they had mismanaged their money or business? What were the repercussions of the mismanagement?
- Have you ever known anyone who "had everything in life" but then "lost everything?" What was the outcome?

## Growing Deeper

- Dr. Tony Evans once stated in sermon concerning Christian stewardship, "...*people never own anything during their life; God owns it all. Everything people possess will either leave them or they'll leave it.*" Read the following Scriptures and interpret what Dr. Evans meant by that statement: **Job 1:21; Pro. 23:4-5; Matthew 6:19; Luke 12:20-21; 1 Timothy 6:7.**
- Pastor Matthew described Moses' warnings to the Israelites in Deut. 8:10-18; that they were not to forget being grateful to God for what He provided for them. READ Deut. 8:10-18 and write down the four warnings Moses gave to the Israelites to heed (vv. 10-14). Read Vs. 18; what is God's command concerning where their (and your) provisions come from? (Cf. Prov. 10:22).
- How should a follower of Christ show gratitude for all He has given to them? Read and interpret: **Deut. 6:11-13; Deut. 8:10; Matt. 6:33; Phil. 4:6; 1 Thess. 5:18.**
- If God is the owner of everything, and followers of Christ are just managers, how should Christians intentionally view ALL the things they possess? Read & interpret: **Deut. 8:18; Psalm 24:1; Phil. 3:19-20; Col. 3:2.**
- Read Jesus' parable about the rich man in **Luke 12:15-21** and interpret what the parable means. Who was the parable addressed too? What happened to the rich man's wealth once he died? What good did the man's wealth do for him once he died? **READ Luke 12:22-34.** What instructions does Jesus give to His followers about life and possessions?