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Entrusted, Not Entitled

November Series: Live Generously
Week Focus: Grace First

Scripture – 1 Chronicles 29:14 (NIV) – *"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN CARRIES RESPONSIBILITY. We naturally think about possessions in terms of ownership. We speak about our money, our homes, our abilities, and our opportunities. There is nothing inherently wrong with recognizing our personal responsibilities and possessions. But Scripture calls believers to consider a deeper truth: everything we have exists within our dependence upon God, and the way we use what has been entrusted to us matters to Him.

In 1 Chronicles 29, David and the people of Israel give toward the construction of the temple. Their generosity is significant, but David refuses to treat their contributions as though they have supplied something God lacked. Instead, he acknowledges that everything comes from God. Their giving is an act of worship made possible by what God has already provided. David's prayer reveals the humility that should shape faithful stewardship. Recognizing God's ownership does not eliminate our responsibilities; it gives those responsibilities a greater purpose.

For followers of Jesus Christ, stewardship must also remain rooted in the grace we have received through Him. We do not manage our resources, serve others, or practice generosity to earn God's acceptance. Salvation is God's gift, received through faith in Jesus Christ, not a reward for our works. Because His grace transforms our relationship with God, it should also transform how we approach what He has entrusted to us. We seek to honor Him not to purchase His favor but because we belong to Him.

This perspective changes how we approach our decisions. Our resources should be managed wisely, our abilities developed faithfully, and our opportunities approached thoughtfully. Stewardship is not simply a question of how much we give away; it is a question of whether our decisions reflect our accountability to God. Before asking Him for something more, we should prayerfully consider how faithfully we are managing what is already in our care.

🔥 FOCUS FOR TODAY

What God entrusts to us carries responsibility, and faithful stewardship is a response to His grace.

🛠️ PRACTICE

- Read 1 Chronicles 29:10–14 and reflect on David's acknowledgment that everything offered to God had first come from Him.
- Examine one area of your life—finances, time, abilities, or opportunities—and consider whether you are approaching it with entitlement or faithful responsibility.
- Identify one specific improvement you can make in managing what God has entrusted to you, and thank Him for the grace that enables you to serve Him.

🙏 PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for everything You have entrusted to me and for the saving grace You have provided through Jesus Christ. Forgive me for the times I have approached Your blessings with entitlement rather than responsibility. Remind me that I do not serve You to earn Your acceptance but because Your grace has transformed my life. Give me wisdom to manage my resources, opportunities, and responsibilities faithfully. May everything I do reflect gratitude for Your goodness and a sincere desire to honor You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

✍️ REFLECTION QUESTION

Am I treating what God has entrusted to me primarily as something to possess or as something to manage faithfully before Him?

TODAY'S TRANSFORMATION TRUTH

WHEN WE RECOGNIZE GOD AS THE SOURCE, WE BEGIN TO SEE OURSELVES AS STEWARDS.