



WEEK ONE

Owner & Manager

August 23



BIG IDEA

Everything we have comes from God and is entrusted to us for His purposes.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

1 Chronicles 29:10–14

As you read 1 Chronicles 29:10–14, notice how David's prayer begins with worship. Before he speaks about what the people gave, he remembers who God is. God is the One who owns all things, gives all things, and invites His people to participate in His work.

Generosity begins with that kind of worshipful perspective. If we see ourselves as owners, giving can feel like loss. But if we see ourselves as stewards, giving becomes an act of trust, gratitude, and worship. This is where our journey begins, not with pressure or comparison, but with open hands before the God who has entrusted everything to us.

PRAYER FOR YOURSELF

Lord, everything I have comes from You. Teach me to see my life, resources, and opportunities as gifts entrusted by You. Help me hold them with gratitude instead of fear and use them with faithfulness instead of control. Shape my heart to worship You with all that You have given me. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, make us a church that begins with worship. Remind us that all we have belongs to You, and all we give comes first from Your hand. Form in us humble and grateful hearts as we walk through this season together. May every gift, every act of service, every prayer, and every faithful response become an offering that honors You. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Beginning with Worship: David's prayer begins with worship before it focuses on what the people gave. What does this teach us about the proper starting place for generosity?
1. From His Hand: David says, "Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand." How does this truth challenge or encourage the way you think about your money, time, abilities, relationships, and opportunities?
2. Owner or Steward: There is a meaningful difference between living as an owner and living as a steward. Where do you most naturally live with a sense of stewardship, and where are you more tempted to think, "This is mine"?
3. Posture of Giving: Generosity can feel very different depending on the posture of our hearts. When does giving feel like worship and joy to you, and when does it tend to feel more like loss, pressure, or obligation?
4. More Than Money: God has entrusted each of us with more than financial resources. What gifts, experiences, influence, skills, relationships, or opportunities has He placed in your life that could be used to bless others?
5. Honest Before God: A season like this can bring up different responses: excitement, hesitation, gratitude, fear, curiosity, or even resistance. What response do you notice in yourself right now, and how might God be inviting you to bring that honestly before Him?
6. Open-Handed Trust: The goal is not simply to increase giving, but to become people who trust God with open hands. What might God want to loosen, deepen, or form in your heart as you begin this journey?
7. One Faithful Step: Generosity often begins with one faithful step rather than a fully formed plan. What is one step you could take this week to acknowledge that what you have belongs to God and is entrusted to you for His purposes?