Stewardship Starts With Ownership
(Genesis 1-2)
Sunday, February 10, 2019 AVBC 10:30 am

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours... “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. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.
(I Chronicles 29:11,14,16)

-Deuteronomy 8:10-14,17,18a

2. As a steward, God expects me to ___________ what belongs to him with a ___________ attitude.

-Psalms 100:4, Revelation 7

Come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him. For the LORD is a great God, a great King above all gods. He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains. The sea belongs to him, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land, too.
(Psalm 95:1-5) (NLT)

-Digging Deeper

Q1: It has been said that stewardship is “a job with a trust”. If you were hiring someone to manage all of your money and possessions, what kind of qualities would you look for in that person?
Q2: Read Genesis 39:2-6 and 20-23. What qualities do you think may have set Joseph apart so that people trusted him? What kinds of things was he a steward of? How did his relationship with God connect to his role as a steward?
Q3: Do you think our culture puts too much emphasis on “owning” things? What are some alternatives to “ownership”? What kinds of things can you enjoy without having to own them?
Q4: Read Philippians 4:4-13. What do these verses teach us about what it takes to have a thankful spirit?
Q5: What are the benefits having a thankful attitude about what you have and a positive and grateful outlook on life?
Q6: Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-15. What does this passage teach us about money and the things money can buy?
Q7: What are some specific things we can do to remind ourselves that we are simply a manager of God’s “stuff” and not the owner?