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Leaders Note

With the help of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard what has been entrusted to you.

2 Timothy 1:14

...and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. *Matt 22:20-22*

More than good behavior

Christianity is more than good behavior. It's more than being "nice people" dotting their religious "i"s and crossing their traditional "t"s on a weekly basis. To be a follower of Jesus is to be a steward — a protector, manager, guardian of that which really belongs to Another. A steward exercises passionate, faithful care for what has been entrusted to him, and has something to show for it when all is said and done. Whether its our marriage or our money, our career or creation around us, we have been entrusted with treasure that demands that we risk everything in the pursuit of faithful stewardship.

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Learning Session

Read Daniel 6:1-5 and Luke 16:10-13

The subject to look at is stewardship in it's fullness, not just what we do with our money. The major point that you would want to get out of this session is that everything ultimately is God's property, which he gives to us. Therefore we need to live lives of gratitude, which is shown by the way we steward what He has let us have. Get the groups to discuss the following questions:

- What made Daniel such an effective manager/steward?
- How faithful have you been in the "little matters" of life — particularly the ones that no human eye sees?
- How would you rate yourself as a steward at home? At school? On the job? In the church? As a neighbour? With the environment?
- In what areas of responsibility in your life do you feel you are excelling right now? Where are you experiencing the greatest challenge?

Bring the group back together for some feedback, ironing some of the points previously mentioned, and see what they have to say. If prudent share a story concerning your attitude towards stewarding this group that God has asked you to care about.

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