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1 Chronicles 29:1-2 ESV

¹ And David the king said to all the assembly, “Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for the Lord God. ² So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones and marble.

1 Chronicles 29:3-5 ESV

³ Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: ⁴ 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house, ⁵ and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the Lord?”

1 Chronicles 29:6-8 ESV

⁶ Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. ⁷ They gave for the service of the house of God 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron. ⁸ And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite.

1 Chronicles 29:9 ESV

⁹ Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

1 Chronicles 29:10-11 ESV

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

1 Chronicles 29:12-14 ESV

¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴ “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.



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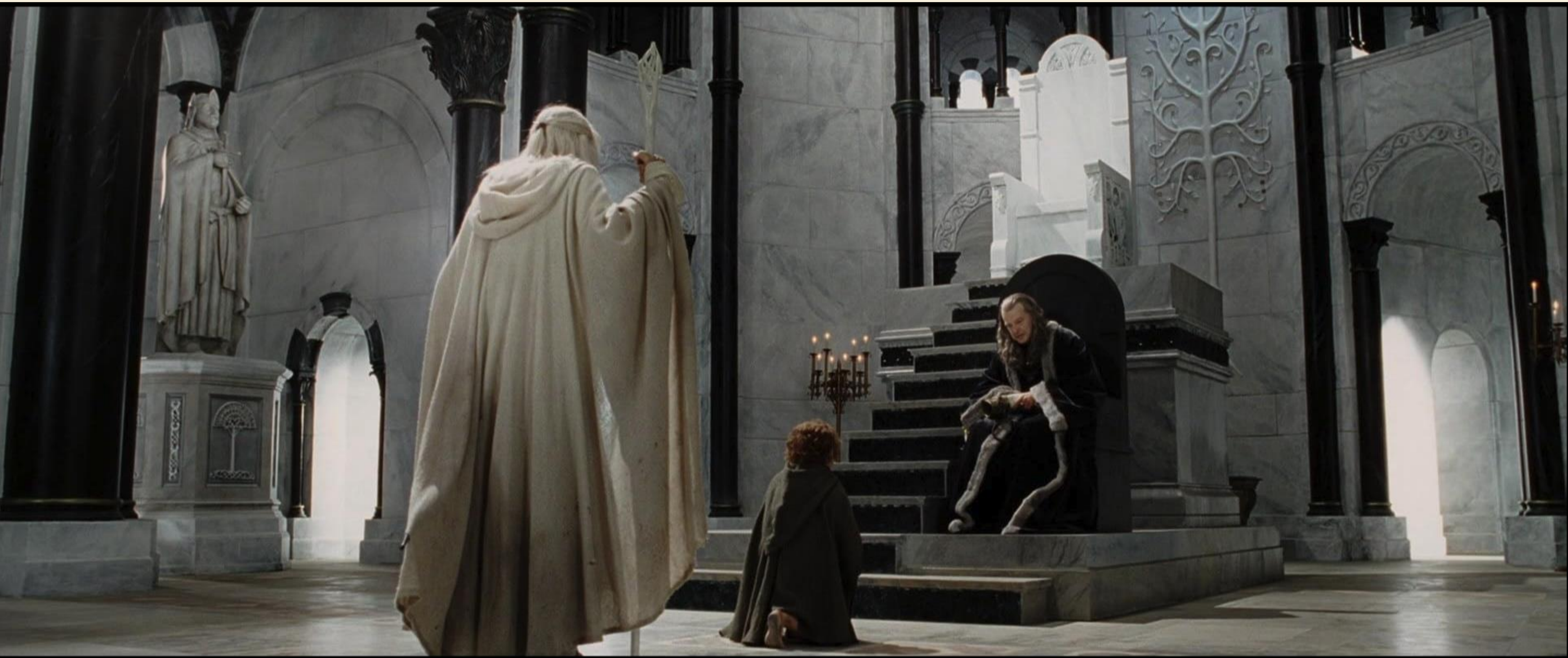
Psalm 24:1 ESV

The **earth is the LORD's** and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

Psalm 50:10-12 ESV

¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹² “If I were hungry, I
would not tell you,
for **the world and its fullness are mine.**



Stewardship is living with the awareness that we are managers, not owners; that we are caretakers of God's assets, which he has entrusted to us for this brief season here on earth. How we handle money and possessions demonstrates who we really believe is their true owner—God or us.

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i. **God owns Everything**

- a. God is the creator and possessor of all

- b. Our lives and resources are gifts from God

James 1:17 ESV

¹⁷ **Every good gift** and every perfect gift is from above, coming down **from the Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

John 3:27-30 ESV

²⁷ John answered, “**A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.** ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.”

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1 Chronicles 29:1,3 ESV

¹ The task is great, for the palace is not for man but for the Lord God.” ...³ **because of my devotion** to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God...

Luke 16:10-13 ESV

¹⁰ “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 ESV

¹ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover, it is **required of stewards that they be found faithful**

Bystander Apathy

“someone else will do it”

II. **Commit to God's Plans**

- a. Faithfulness requires commitment
- b. Commitment is worth it

1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your **labor is not in vain.**

Galatians 6:9 ESV

⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

What is holding you back from fully committing to God?

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Nature of Sacrifice

1. **Willing** - *a joyful act of worship*

2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV

⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, **not reluctantly** or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Nature of Sacrifice

1. **Willing** - *a joyful act of worship*
2. **Whole-hearted** - *offered with total commitment*

Romans 12:1 ESV

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

III. Respond with Sacrificial Generosity

- a. Sacrifice reflects our devotion
- b. Generosity flows from gratitude

1 Chronicles 29:14 ESV

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1 Chronicles 29:5 ESV

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