



**Series: Relationships (01)**

**Title: This is How My Relationships Should Regard Me: Steward**

**Scripture: Psalm 24; 1 Cor. 4:1-2; Gen. 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-13; 1 John 4:9-21**

**Theme Verse:** *34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34–35 ESV*

**June:** *“Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”” John 20:29 ESV*

1. God is the Creator and Owner of all things (including us). (Psalm 24)
2. We are stewards of what God creates and gives us. (1 Cor. 4: 1-2):
  - Time. Money/resources. Abilities. Relationships!
3. We steward the mysteries of God by sharing His love in our relationships (God and one another). (Gen. 1:26-28)
4. God gave us relationships as the primary way to steward the mysteries of God:
  - 1) Giving & receiving love. (“God blessed them” - Gen. 1:28)
  - 2) Being conformed to the image of God. (“Be fruitful” - Gen. 1:28)
  - 3) Making disciples. (“multiply” - Gen. 1:28)
  - 4) Create, cultivate, consume, and critique. (“work it and keep it” - Gen. 2:15-25)
5. Sin distorts and corrupts our relationships and blinds us to the mysteries of God. (Gen. 3:1-13)
  - We feel shame and try to cover our shame with insufficient coverings.
  - We try to hide from God.
  - We withhold & reject love.
6. God sent Jesus to redeem and restore our relationship with Him. (1 John 4:9-10, 19)

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7. We become stewards of the mysteries of God by receiving Christ's love. (1 John 4:14-19)
8. We steward the mysteries of God in every human relationship: (1 John 4:7-8, 11-12)
  - Parents & extended family. We honor them. (Exodus 20:12; Eph. 6:1-3)
  - Siblings. We love them. (1 John 4:20-21, Psalm 133:1)
  - Friendships. We sacrifice for them. (John 15:12-13; Prov. 27:9)
  - Coworkers. We treat them like Jesus. (Col. 3:23-24; Eph. 6:5-9)
  - Dating Relationships. We grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. (Col. 3:17; 2 Peter 3:17-18)
  - Spouse. We submit to God together and give one another respect and love. (Eph. 5:21-33)
  - Children & Grandchildren. We teach them the mysteries of God. (Psalm 78:5-8; Eph. 6:4)
  - Church family. We use our gifts to serve one another. (1 Peter 4:10)
  - The lost. We witness the mysteries of God to them, share the gospel with them and disciple them. (Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 4:1-2; Luke 19:10)
9. Stewards are kind, loving, hospitable, prayerful, and show honor to one another. (Romans 12:9-12)
10. Stewards bless and live peaceably with all and leave avenging wrongs to the Lord. (Romans 12:13-21)