

## We're COMSUMED BY THE TEMPORARY rather then FOCUSED ON THE ETERNAL.

"Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts <u>on things above</u>, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:1-2

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ...." Matthew 25:1

## How do we live with an eternal focus based on this story that Jesus told?

## 1) GOD OWNS EVERYTHING

- "It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted <u>his wealth</u> to them." Matthew 25:14
- The tithe is a declaration of GOD'S OWNERSHIP!
  - "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." Leviticus 27:30
  - "For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things." Romans 11:36
- 2) You will give to God an ACCOUNT
  - "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money." Matthew 25:19
  - "Remember, we will <u>all</u> stand before the judgment seat of God." Romans 14:10

To become faithful stewards, you have to see yourself as <u>KINGDOM INVESTORS</u> rather than <u>EARTHLY SPENDERS</u>!