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# Stewarding Resource

Series: Who May Dwell

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## Part I

### Psalm 15:5

*'who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent'*

These verses talk about leading a generous and righteous, godly life. What the Psalmist was saying is in line with the Old Testament teaching on the communal commitments expected of God's people. These verses are speaking against the common practices of lending with interest and accepting a bribe against the innocent.

- What are your treasured practices and values that you consider important for the good of the community?
- Are there ungodly yet commonly accepted 'norms' or practices that you often encounter? How are you overcoming all these?

## Part II | Read Matthew 25:14-30, Matthew 19:21 and Psalm 31:15

### Matthew 25:14-30

*'We are all entrusted with talents from God to serve as His good and faithful servant'*

- Take a moment to write down some of your God given talents, and how are you using these talents to bless others?
- Sometimes our fellow brothers and sisters do not feel they are 'talented' to serve others, discuss how you could encourage them?

### Matthew 19:21

*'Give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven'*

- How is it more challenging for you personally to bless others in a difficult season like the current one?
- What are some creative ways of blessing others regardless of the amount of resources you have?

### The Psalmist said In Psalm 31:15

*'My times are in your hands'*

- Can you describe the time resources that God has entrusted you with? Share how you may best use your time resources to bless others.



### Part III | Read Matthew 13:8

Elder Sidney Yip reminded us that a good crop multiplies. The economics of the kingdom is beyond our understanding, we are talking about 30 times, 60 times or even 100 times return with our investments in God.

- We are entrusted to be God's steward to different resources. We all can invest in His kingdom. Share how you gauge your investment in the kingdom thus far.
- What are some specific Kingdom investment actions you may consider for your near future?

The "Who may dwell" series is coming to a close. In Psalm 15, it speaks clearly about the kind of person who encounters God's presence deeply and challenges us to consider how we are living in the here and now.

- During this sermon series, did you receive any significant conviction from the Holy Spirit? Can you develop some steps of actions from these convictions?

#### **Prayers**

*Lord, we want to thank you that you have entrusted so much to us, help us embrace how you want us to live generously and be committed to the community, of fellow believers and beyond.*

*Lord, we thank you for the talents that you have entrusted us with, help us to do everything unto our fellow brothers and sisters with great love, that these become beautiful offerings unto you.*

*Lord, we thank you for your provision, especially in a time such as this. Help us to be sensitive to the very real needs of others around us, that we can be a blessing in whatever small ways that we may be able to. Lord also help us to give faithfully unto you, as you have always been faithful to us.*

*Lord, our times are in your hands. Help us to treasure every moment that you have entrusted to us. Help us to bless one another with our time, spending time caring for one another, encourage others, praying for one another, and work diligently for one another.*

*Lord, we desire to be called your good and faithful servant, and we thank you in advance that we may bear fruits in life, 30 times 60 times and 100 times more.*

