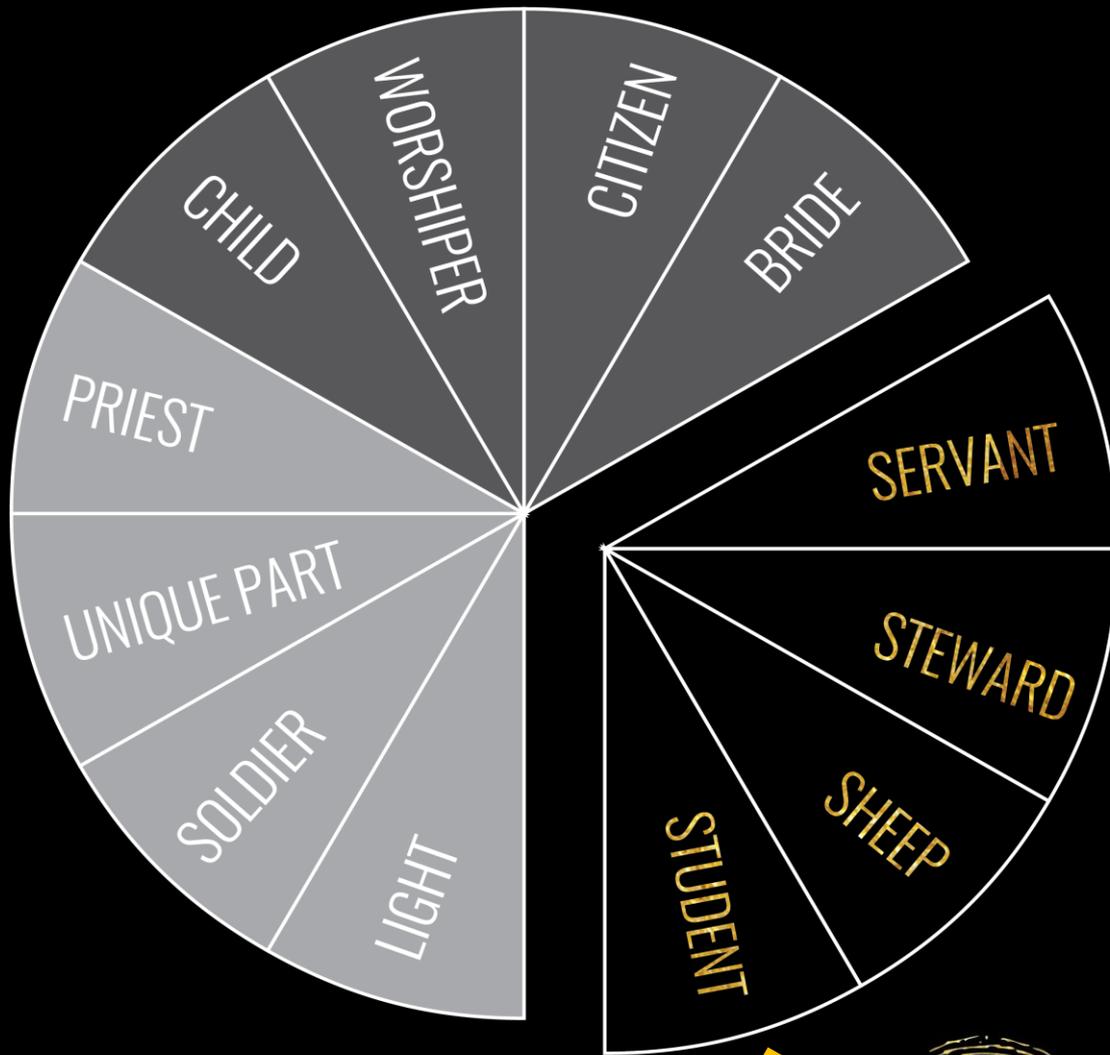


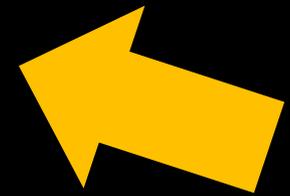
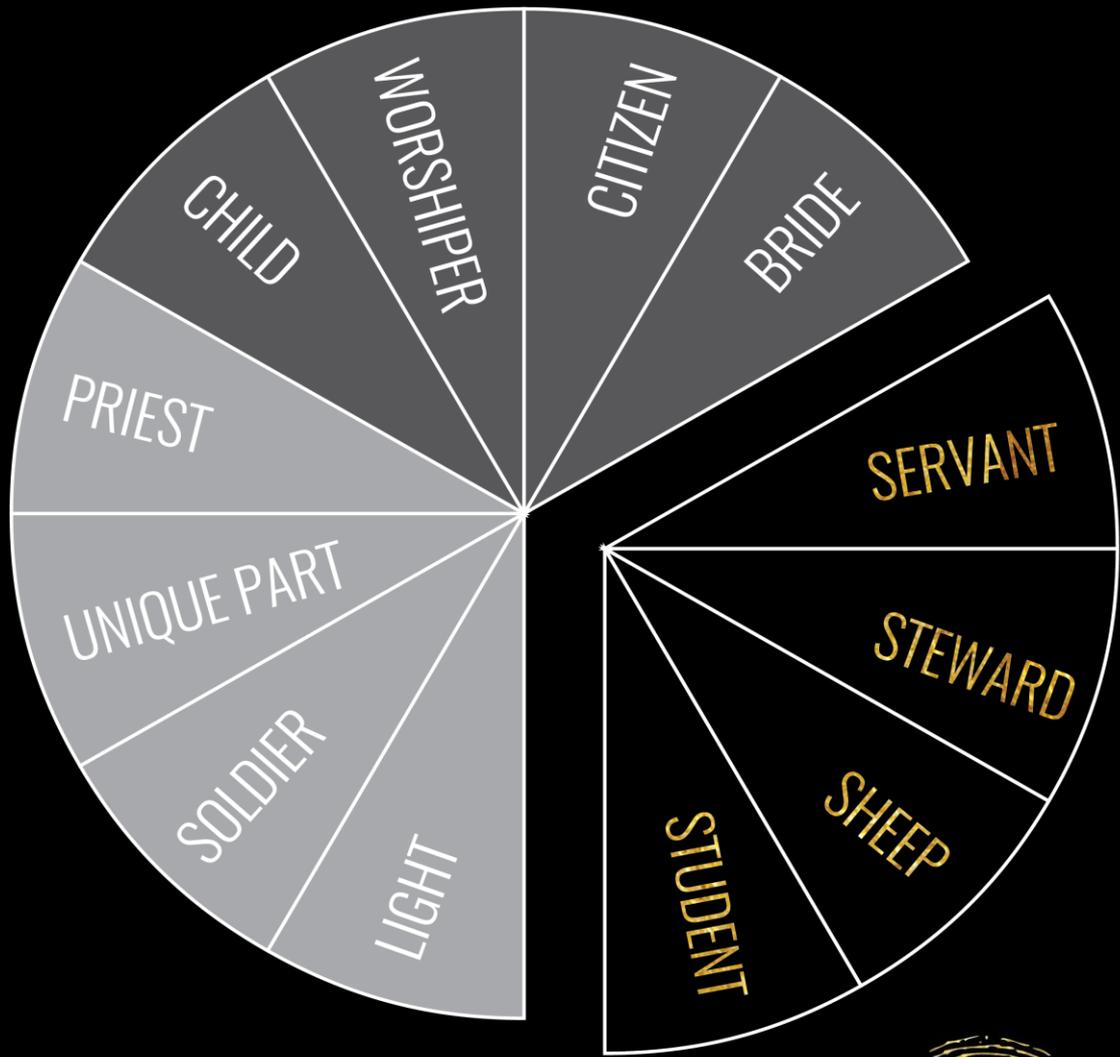


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4 BIBLICAL ATTITUDES WE HAVE IN CHRIST



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Being a Steward



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Let go of it it's _____!



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Let go of it it's mine!



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It's Mine



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**The earth and everything in it, the
world and its inhabitants, belong to
the Lord. – *Psalm 24:1***



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Steward

A household manager, a steward, guardian

Head of the house or proprietor has entrusted the management of his affairs, the care of receipts and expenditures, and the duty of dealing out the proper portion to every worker and even caring and being responsible for the children



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The Earth and everything in it

Nature

All People

Every part of us

All that we possess



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Matthew 25:14-28 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five.



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Matthew 25 :14-28 ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’



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Matthew 25 :14-28 ²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



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**We are entrusted stewards
of the earth and everything in it**

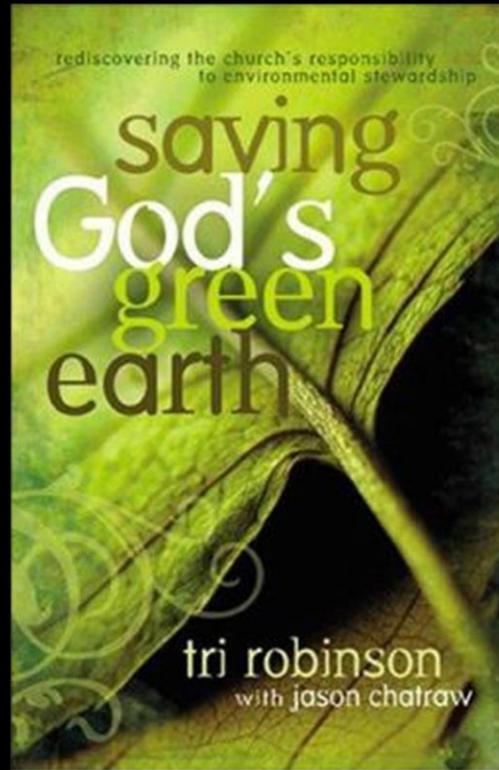
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Saving God's Green Earth

*Rediscovering the Church's Responsibility
to Environmental Stewardship*



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“Every part of us”

Our mind, physical body, emotions, abilities, my skills, creativity, my personality

God’s Holy Spirit and our unique gifting

1 Peter 4:9-11 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.



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Our mind, physical body, emotions, abilities, my skills, creativity, my personality

God’s Holy Spirit and the unique gifting

Our positions and places of influence: Citizen of USA, Worker, Family member , parent, neighbor, manager, PTA president etc..

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord



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Description of a good Steward

- A good steward understands they are not owners
- A good steward is humbled, grateful and amazed for all they have been entrusted with
- A good steward knows pleasing God with all they are and possess is their purpose on earth
- A good steward knows God's priorities and desires and invests in those things
- A good steward understands it isn't about how much you are stewarding, but it is about faithfully stewarding what you have
- A good steward isn't controlled by fear but boldly and generously invests in the right things
- A good steward knows God loves them and shares all He has with them



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Challenge:

Memorize

Psalm 24:1 *The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord.*

Ask God if there are things He has entrusted to you that you are gripping to as your own, or hiding out of fear.

Ask God to show you how to use all you are and all you have to glorify Him and benefit others.



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