

A Deep Dive into Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ



#### Worth of Souls

Lesson 6



Thought Habit #4

Viewing Everything in this World as a Stewardship

#### Review Enjoy the Day pt. 1: The Three Worlds

- Two Faculties MIND & HEART (D&C 8)
- Temple President of Your Temple (1 Cor. 3)
- This is where you make the choice to be Spiritually Focused or Temporally Focused

Spiritual World

> Inner World

Temporal World

- Heavenly Father/Mother, Christ
  - Holy Ghost/Angels
- Power of the Priesthood, High Feelings of Self-Worth, Peace, Joy
  - Solutions to ALL Problems

- Eat, Sleep, Exercise, Watch TV
  - Work, Pay Bills, School
- Physical Pain, Emotional Triggers
  - ALL Problems Originate Here

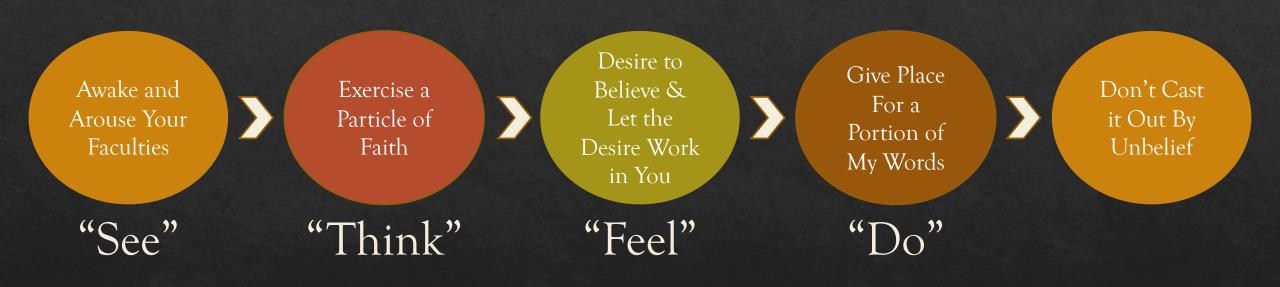
# Power of Praise and Prayer



When you stay spiritually centered in the midst of an adversity, you release the power of Christ and miracles occur.

21 .... after I had prayed the winds did cease, and the storm did cease, and there was a great calm.

# Alma's Process for Change Alma 32: 27-43



# Alma's Process for Change Alma 32: 27-34 Evolution of Confirmations

**Enlarging My Soul** 

Enlightening My Understanding

Begins to Be Delicious to Me







#### Review Thought Habit #1: Holy Ghost Confirming Daily I Am On The Path



"... do not let us be slothful because of the easiness of the way..." – Alma 37:46

# Easiest Kingdom

# How to Live to Be Comfortable in the Celestial Kingdom

- Daily Repentance
- Living Testimony that Jesus is the Christ
- Daily Commitment to Receive the Companionship of the Holy Ghost
- Actively Seeking to Become Like Christ
- Know Joseph Smith is a Prophet and the Book of Mormon is True
- Listen to/Obey the Council of the Living Prophets
- Doing Your Best to be on the Covenant Path

#### Review Thought Habit #1: By the Spirit Ye are Justified

"...in our efforts to live, learn, and teach the gospel, we should first and foremost seek the companionship of the Spirit. This goal should govern our choices and guide our thoughts and actions. We should seek after whatever invites the influence of the Spirit and reject whatever drives that influence away—for we know that if we can be worthy of the presence of the Holy Ghost, we can also be worthy to live in the presence of Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ." - Come Follow Me Manual 2019

<u>D&C 50:34</u> - He that receiveth of God, let him account it of God; and let him rejoice that he is accounted of God, worthy to receive.

#### Review Thought Habit #2: Separating Worth From Performance

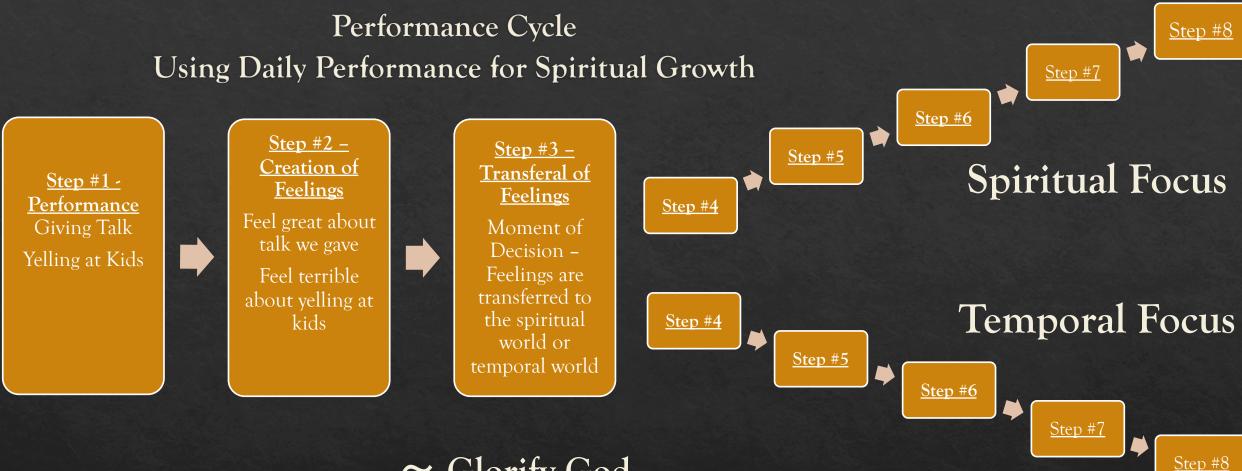
Spiritual World

Inner
World
(Mind &
Heart)

Temporal World ... he will consecrate thy performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the welfare of thy soul – 2Ne 32:9

- Gain Weight
- Lose Job
- Divorce Spouse
- Child's Defiant/Negative Behavior
- Can't Pay Bills/Lose
   Home/Cars/Bankruptcy
- Struggling with Addiction
- Never Get Leadership Callings
- Using Comparisons to Put Yourself
   Down
- Not Receiving Honors of Men
- Faith Crisis/Unsure of Testimony

- Lose Weight
- Get a Better/New Job
- Good/Perfect Marriage
- Child's Good Behavior/Successes
- Always Enough Money/New Home/New Cars/Best Cloths
- Conquer Addiction
- Always in Leadership Callings
- Using Comparisons to Elevate Your Self-Worth
- Recognized For Education/Job/Position
- Full Church Activity/Completed Checklist



# We Perform To:

- ~ Glorify God
- ~ Become Like Christ
- ~ Qualify For Grace
- ~ Qualify For the Riches of Eternity

#### 12 Thought Habits Of Christ

1. Holy Ghost Confirming Daily I

Am On The Path

11. Love God With All My Heart, Mind & Soul

10. Choosing Godly Sorrow Keeps Me Spiritually Focused

> 9. Daily Repentance: Turn Back To God & Live

12. Forgiving & Judging Righteously Help Me Progress

8. I Have No Power

Over What Others

Think, Feel, & Do

7. I Have Power Over What I Think, Feel, & Do

2. Separating My Worth from My Performance

6. Being Truly

3. Using Daily Performance For Spiritual Growth

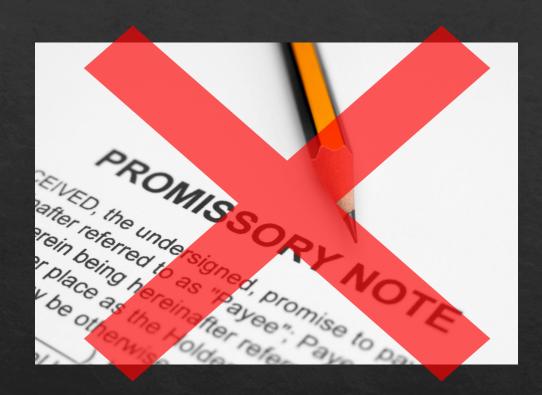
> 4. Viewing Everything in this World as a Stewardship

5. Using **Enticements For** Spiritual Growth

Grateful During Adversity

Be Prepared To Meet Him!

# Law of Consecration



"If He hasn't asked for it yet, it still belongs to me."

D&C 42:30-42
Consecrate Time, Talents, & Possessions

"We tend to think of consecration only as yielding up, when divinely directed, our material possessions. But ultimate consecration is the yielding up of oneself to God. *Heart, soul,* and *mind* were the encompassing words of Christ in describing the first commandment, which is constantly, not periodically, operative... We may, for instance, have a specific set of skills which we mistakenly come to think we somehow own. If we continue to cling to those more than to God, we are flinching in the face of the consecrating first commandment." – "Consecrate Thy Performance" Neal A. Maxwell



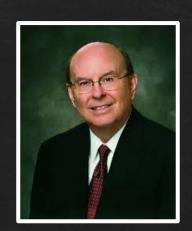
# Everything In This Life Is A Stewardship

#### **Everything means EVERYTHING**

- Assets (house, cars, furniture, investments, retirement, savings, etc.)
- Bills (medical, bankruptcy, house payment, car payment, IRS, etc.)
- Relationships (spouse, children, parents, siblings, grandchildren, etc.)
- Body (eating, exercising, cleaning, sleeping, hobbies, etc.)
- Callings (leadership, primary, presidencies, ministering, cleaning the church, etc.)
- Job/Civic/Community (political views, relationships with coworkers, volunteer work, commute, WFH, etc.)
- OUR TIME

"In the Church, stewardship is *not* limited to a *temporal* trust or responsibility. President Spencer W. Kimball taught: "We are stewards over our bodies, minds, families, and properties. A faithful steward is one who exercises righteous dominion, cares for his own, and looks to the poor and needy." - *Cook, Oct 2009* 



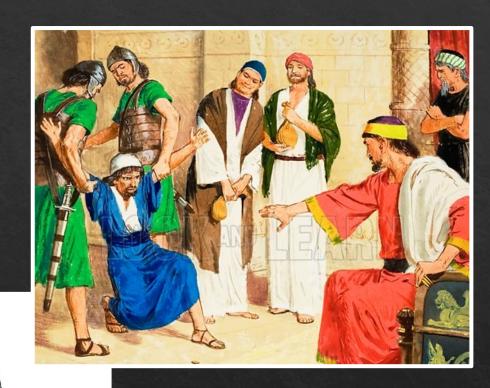


# The Master Of The Vineyard

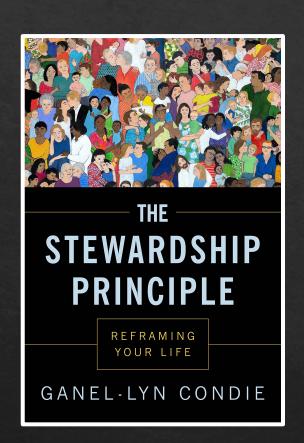
Parable of the Talents

Matt. 25:15-30





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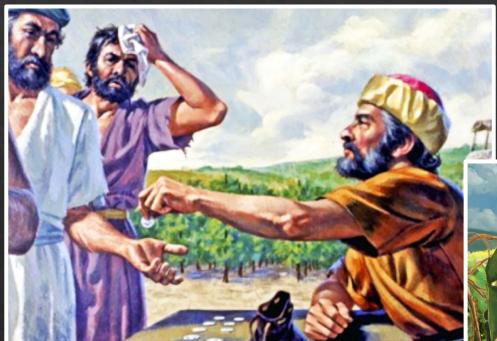


"But what of the 3<sup>rd</sup> servant? Maybe it was fear or shame that led to his choices. Was he stuck in the trap of comparisons, wondering why the master had given others more and he was assigned only one? Did he doubt strength, intelligence, or abilities? Whatever the reason, this servant decided to bury his talent... A modern day translation of this scripture would say something like, 'I trusted you to consecrate what I gave you. I trusted you to share it, for in sharing you would have received more. But hiding what you have been given has caused you to lose it." (The Stewardship Principle: Reframing Your Life, pg.11)

Stewardship Also Includes
Our Weaknesses and Our
"Negative" Experiences



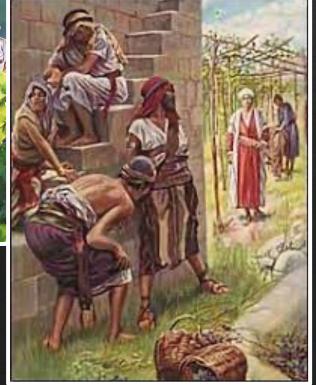
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Parable of the Laborers

Matt 20:1-16





# An Application of Stewardship



# Remove All Attachments







	Ownership Feelings (Temporal World)	Stewardship Feelings (Spiritual World)
Spouse Not Paying Attention to Me	Critical of Them, Blaming, I Deserve Better, Comparing, Self-Condemnation/Co-dependent	Remove Negative Feelings, See Them as Christ Does, Serve Them, Praise God for Them
Child Struggling with Sexual Identity	I'm a Bad Parent, Blame Them For Hurting You, Ashamed, Angry, Lecturing Them, Feeling Afraid	Remember This is God's son/daughter, Help Them Learn, Love Them Consistently, It's Not Personal
Promoted At Work	Pride, Looking Down on Others, Focus on the Praise of Men, Vindicated, Finally Buy Boat	Praise God, Opportunity to Glorify God, Uplift Others, New Financial Stewardship Opportunity
Neighbor Finds Fault With Landscaping	Anger, Embarrassment, Ashamed, Financial Stress, "If they only knew"	Asking What God Wants You To Do, Praying For Soft Heart, Praise God For Stewardship

In All Your Stewardships, Practice Being Steadfast in Christ

	Ownership Feelings (Temporal World)	Stewardship Feelings (Spiritual World)
Crash Car	Frustration (self or others), Financial Stress, Time Stress, Anger, Ashamed of Mistake	Did God Know You Would Crash His Car? Chance to Grow Spiritually
Compliments About Your Weight Loss	Pride, Using Good Feelings to Determine Your Worth, Irritated Others Not Joining You	Grateful For a Healthy Body, Weight Loss Not Motivation for Body Upkeep, Body is a Temple
"Demoted" in Church Calling	How Could You Do This To Me? Offended, Pride, Embarrassed, Not Magnify New Calling	Praise God For Every Opportunity to Serve, Magnify Every Calling,
Behind On All Your Bills	Feel Worthless, Not Honest w/ Fellow Men, Stress, Depression, Ashamed, Anxiety	All Things Belong to God, Praise God, Give Thanks for Stewardship

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"Just before the actual celebration, President Richins's stake was reorganized, and he was released as president. On a subsequent Sunday, he was attending his ward priesthood meeting when the leaders asked for volunteers to help with the celebration. President Richins, along with others, raised his hand and was given instructions to dress in work clothes

and to bring his truck and a shovel.

Finally, the morning of the big event

came, and President Richins reported to volunteer duty. Only a few weeks before, he had been an influential contributor to the planning and supervision of this major event. On that day, however, his job was to follow the horses in the parade and clean up after them. President Richins did so gladly and joyfully. He understood that one kind of service is not above another. He knew and put into practice the words of the Savior: "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." - Uchtdorf, Apr. 2017



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# Covetousness Leads To Ownership

# Everything Is HIS





#### Seed: "God owns everything and I am choosing to see everything as a stewardship from HIM"

Desire to Give Place Don't Cast Awake and Exercise a Believe & For a Particle of Arouse Your Let the it Out By Portion of Faculties Faith Desire Work Unbelief My Words in You "Think" "Feel" "Do"

- D&C 42:30-42 4Ne. 1:3
- D&C 51:2-19 D&C 49:20
- D&C 58:35-36 D&C 78:4-5
- D&C 82:17-19 Exodus 32:29
- Acts 2:44-45
- D&C 105:5
- Matt. 25:15-30 Matt. 20:1-16
- Review in your mind and heart verbiage from the temple about consecration.
  - "Consecrate Thy Performance" - Maxwell
- "Stewardship-A Sacred Trust" Cook

- Make a list of all your stewardship assignments.
- Take your list in prayer before the Lord. Consecrate them to HIM.

Receive a witness by the Spirit about your stewardships and the importance of the Law of Consecration

Search Ponder Pray

Satan had an ownership problem in the pre-existence. You can expect he is going to tempt you to have ownership issues with EVERYTHING.



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