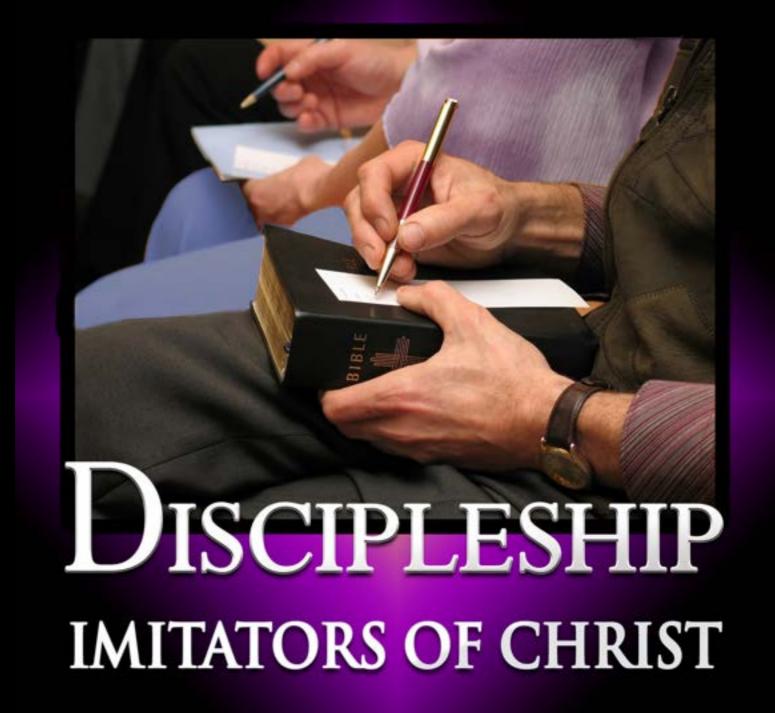
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Are We Willing to Use the Resources
God Has Given Us According to God's
Priorities and Purposes?
1 Corinthians 4:1–2

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"Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already."

~ C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Psa. 24:1,

"The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein."

Gen. 1:26, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'

Gen. 2:15, "Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it."

The Failure of the Prosperity Test

Deut. 8:17, "then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'

Deut. 8:18, "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."

** All that we have—our <u>time</u>, <u>talents</u>, <u>treasures</u>—are provided by God for our responsible use.

We do not own them. We are managers of them. Owner emphasizes personal rights, a steward has responsibilities.

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John 8:31, "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you <u>abide</u> in My word, you are My disciples indeed.'