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Stewardship  
vs Ownership

(BONUS)

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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*This guide is intended for personal reflection and to help facilitate a meaningful group discussion. Take a moment to watch the video and read over the guide before your group meeting. Be prepared with some personal examples to help encourage discussion. If helpful, before you meet, print out or email a copy of this guide to all those who will attend the meeting.*

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# Stewardship -vs- Ownership

## A JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY

We can draw several parallels between the journey of a Faith Driven Entrepreneur and what we call the Journey of Generosity. Both are an invitation to partner with God in a redemptive way. And yet both can feel lonely at times. But it doesn't have to be.

What is encouraging to consider is that these journeys are not parallel paths. At some point, they converge. And when they do, that's when we start to see the forest for the trees. Has your call to create crossed paths with your desire to give?

Perhaps you should start with the question, "Why do I give?". Is it because of compulsion and obligation? Or do you give out of gratitude for the gift of life given to you by God?

This moment of heart transformation brings you closer to knowing God and how He invited you into the work that He is doing in the world. And you come to realize that you might experience His pleasure as you do so.

When you open your eyes to a new way of giving, your faith will never look the same. Giving is no longer a negotiation with God. No longer will you say, "God I'll give you 10% of the cut." Instead your Journey of Generosity can bring you to a place of gratitude.

We're told in Scripture that God loves a cheerful giver. In fact, Paul writes specifically about this heart posture in his second letter to the Corinthians.

Let's talk more about our Journey of Generosity and our call to be stewards rather than owners.



### GUIDING SCRIPTURE:

*"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." —2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

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ACTION	FOCUS	ESTIMATED TIME
<b>Welcome</b>	<p><b>QUESTION:</b> What burdens are you carrying? What do you need to put aside today to be present and here to support your growth and contribute meaningfully.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 30 seconds around the circle</li> <li>● Verbalize what to put aside.</li> <li>● Option to write and put in a basket.</li> </ul>	10 mins
<b>Video Session</b>	<p><b>INTRODUCTION:</b> As we watch this next video together, consider your own context. How might you do life differently with a strong commitment to generosity and stewardship? What changes for you?</p>	15 mins
<b>Group Discussion</b>	<p><b>Group Discussion:</b> Ask each person to share and incorporate any learnings from the video. Here are a few questions to get you started:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Where are you at in your journey of creating a company?</b></li> <li>● <b>What interest do you have, if any, in scaling your business?</b></li> </ul> <p>Facilitator asks if any members would like to share an action they are committing to take this month based on the discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Group members share any practice they would like to start or discontinue in their personal life of business via Zoom chat or post-it note</li> <li>● Other members agree to pray for and hold them accountable..</li> </ul>	45-60 mins
<b>(Optional) Business Spotlight</b>	<p>One individual presents information on their business venture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One person shares about their business model, stage and scope</li> <li>● Participants ask questions and get to know more</li> </ul>	10 mins
<b>Prayer</b>	<p>The group wraps in a time of prayer and encouragement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Popcorn prayer—Designate one person to begin the prayer and another person to end the prayer. Then allow space and moments of silence for people to pray as they feel led.</li> <li>● Zoom rooms or small groups for prayer</li> </ul>	10 mins

## Discussion Questions

Being a cheerful giver as God calls us to be doesn't just happen. We have to be diligent about pursuing this kind of generosity. And yet that pursuit, just as much as giving itself, is what brings us joy. Because we are no longer striving to determine the perfect algorithm of what to give, how much to give, and who we give to. Instead, we're pursuing God's heart. When we do that, he leads and guides us.

### *SETTING A FINANCIAL FINISH LINE*

Often we come at generosity backwards. We promise God and ourselves that we'll be more giving once we have more to give. Instead, consider establishing Financial Finish Lines. Answer the question: "How much is enough?" through prayer, counsel, and time in God's Word.

- **What do you need financially that will allow you to live comfortably and donate the rest?**
- **What things can you eliminate to meet this goal?**

### *IT'S ALL HIS*

What is your view of money? Is it something you earn, yes? Is it something you should pursue at all costs? To be generous with the money entrusted to us, we need to search our hearts about the hold it has on our lives. And rather than fearing money, see it for what it is and more importantly, who owns it all anyway.

- **How do you view money? Is it a tool or a pursuit?**
- **How many decisions do you make where money is the main motivation?**
- **How can your faith in God start to transform you into a cheerful giver?**
- **How can discipline play a role in this?**

## 5 Ideas to Explore the Mark Further

There's no limit to the ways you can explore the Marks of a Faith Driven Entrepreneur. What we provide below are five ideas we think might lead each one of us to an even greater understanding of our God-given call to create.

1. **Journal:** Explore your history with money. How has it played a role in where you are today? How has it been talked about in your family or at your church? What kind of relationship do you want to have with money? How might your journey as an entrepreneur and a giver be on the same path?
2. **Interact:** This month, sit down and start mapping out your financial finish lines. What can you live on comfortably? What can you do without? How do you want to steward what you have above and beyond your needs?
3. **Consider:** During today's video session, Emmanuel and Bianca Bistran share their story of simply taking the next faithful step. And it starts with Emmanuel asking an honest question, "Why is God poor in Romania? Why is he not poor in the U.S.?"
4. **Act Differently:** Give as you have decided in your heart. Not reluctantly or under compulsion. Be thoughtful as to why you give. How can your actions reflect your relationship with God and his people?
5. **Learn From Others:** What happens when we're known for our extravagant generosity, rather than the things we buy and have? Through our generosity, we can share the gospel, serve the needy, and heal the world. Visit [generousgiving.org](https://generousgiving.org).

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Faith Driven Entrepreneur has partnered with Generous Giving in the U.S. and Generosity Path outside of the U.S. Each offers a Journey of Generosity, which is a great exercise to learn more in community, along with your spouse, about what the Bible says about generosity and how you both can co-create a giving plan.

**Visit these websites for more information:** [generousgiving.org](https://generousgiving.org) or [generositypath.org](https://generositypath.org)