



# Journal

## Chapter 9: STEWARDSHIP

### Personal Study

Last week you took a deeper look at your beliefs about compassion. Did you learn anything new that might make you feel more compassionate toward other people? Maybe you recognized a situation in your own life where someone showed you compassion. This week before your group meeting, read *Believe, Chapter 9: Stewardship*. Then spend some time allowing the Scripture to take root in your heart and identifying some areas in your life where you might become a better steward.

### Read

Read *Believe, Chapter 9: Stewardship* and answer the following questions.

1. What patterns do you observe in these Scriptures?

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2. As you read these passages, what thoughts or questions came to mind?

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3. What did you read that encouraged you?

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Stunned you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Challenged you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How does believing “everything belongs to God” set us free from the trappings of materialism and greed?

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5. List the physical, emotional, and spiritual rewards that result from good stewardship.

Physical	Emotional	Spiritual

6. List the physical, emotional, and spiritual ramifications of poor stewardship.

Physical	Emotional	Spiritual

7. What cultural beliefs in our society stand in opposition to wise stewardship?

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### **Evaluate**

*Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 9: Stewardship, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a 1–6 scale (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).*

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe that everything I am, or own, comes from God and belongs to God.

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe that a Christian should live a sacrificial life, not driven by pursuit of material things.

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe that Christians should give at least 10 percent of their income to God’s work.

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe God will bless Christians now and in the life to come for their good works.

### **Take Action**

*Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week’s Key Verse to memory.*



