

Experience 7

Generosity

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Experience

Kingdom stewards in action (1)



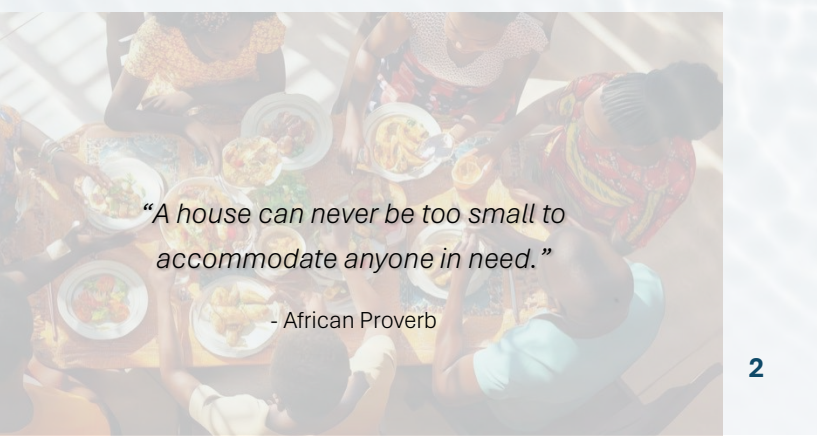
Recap



Share stories from Experiences 5 and 6:
Habit 3: *Decide what is enough to live with contentment and generosity.*

- Share your experiences of living with contentment and generosity after completing Experiences 5 and 6.
- What inspires you when hearing about others' experiences?

The aim of experience 7 and 8 is ***to cultivate the habit of aligning your time, talents, treasure and lifestyle with opportunities to serve others.***



"A house can never be too small to accommodate anyone in need."

- African Proverb

Generosity and What we Have in Hand

As you grow in a kingdom lifestyle of generosity, you will discover that opportunities for generosity align with what you have in hand. Therefore, it is helpful to recognize what you have in your hand.

God's provision in your hand becomes your "**Stewardship list**" – what is given to you by God to take care of.

An easy way to define your *Stewardship list* is to consider what you have in hand in terms of the following:

- **Time** – You have 24 hours in a day, 7 days in a week, 4 weeks in a month and 12 months in a year. How much time do you spend on what, where, when and how?
- **Talent** – You have certain gifts, talents, skills, education, experience, etc. How, when, where and for what purpose do you use it?
- **Treasure** – You have money, possessions, relationships, networks, experiences irrespective of the quantity or quality thereof. What do you use where, how, when, and for what purpose?
- **Lifestyle** – You live in a certain way and present yourself in a certain way. How do you present yourself as a "being" in everyday situations?

This experience focuses on how to take ***Kingdom Stewardship Action*** for what has been entrusted to you.



Kingdom Stewardship



Watch: [Stewardship](#)

- What is the difference between “ownership” and “stewardship” regarding what you have in hand?
- In what ways do you and other people around you act as owners instead of stewards?
- *I will describe stewardship as ...*



Read: [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

What did you learn and experience in this parable on how to take care of what has been entrusted to you?

- The expectations of the owner;
- The distribution of talents to each person;
- How each servant responded;
- The owner’s reaction.



Watch: [Dave and Karla – Growing God’s kingdom](#)

What inspires me in this story is ...

My answer to the Lord is...

Generosity Lifestyle and Habits



My lifestyle commitment (What?):

Make a list of everything (time, talents, treasure, lifestyle) that the Lord entrusted you to care of as your *Stewardship list*.

- How do you think and feel about what God has entrusted to you?
- **Submit** everything on your list to God as an act of worship



Habit 4: *Align your time, talents, treasure, and lifestyle with opportunities to serve others.*

1. **Discern** what areas in your list are still off-limits for generosity. Bring it before the Lord in repentance.
2. **Share:** *I'm going to share what I have experience*
3. **Pray:** [1 Peter 4:10-11](#) (NIV) as an answer to God. *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, **as faithful stewards** of God's grace in its various forms."*