**Being a Good Steward of Your Family**

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**4 Kinds of Stewardship**

The “Good Steward”  
*Plays a large, spiritual role*

PURPOSE: to help family develop mature relationship with the Lord.

ROLE: shepherd, coach, mentor, model of God’s love

FEELS: awed, privileged, motivated, YET also unified with God, rest/peace/confidence, eager anticipation

The “Owner”  
*Plays a large, unspiritual role*

PURPOSE: for my spouse and kids to enhance / complete *my* life

ROLE: controlling in marriage (expectations manipulation, even domineering)

with children, role can be to push kids to success, or to get affirmation / acceptance from child

FEELS: embattled, fear/anxiety, under pressure

NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND: who the True Owner is

The “Bad Steward”  
*Plays a small, unspiritual role*

PURPOSE: mutual bystanders as we pursue our own goals / desires

ROLE: what role?   
to keep them from blocking my goals

FEELS: irritated, suffocated, detached, distracted

NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND: the eternal value of his/her family

**Temporal Values**

The “Means Well” Steward  
 *Plays a small, spiritual role*

PURPOSE: has the correct goal; genuinely wants to see spouse/children walking with God

ROLE: underestimates his/her role in accomplishing the purpose – plays a passive role

FEELS: along for the ride, oblivious, confused, fearful, paralyzed, guilty

NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND: their unique, God-empowered role;  
 being a good steward takes discipline

**Eternal Values**

**Passive Role**

**Active Role**