Kingdom Economics!

Luke 19:11-27

[11] The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away.
[12] He said, “A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return. [13] Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, ‘Invest this for me while I am gone.’ [14] But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We do not want him to be our king.’
[15] “After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what their profits were. [16] The first servant reported, ‘Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!’
[17] “ ‘Well done!’ the king exclaimed. ‘You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.’
[18] “The next servant reported, ‘Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.’
[19] “ ‘Well done!’ the king said. ‘You will be governor over five cities.’
[20] “But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, ‘Master, I hid your money and kept it safe. [21] I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn’t yours and harvesting crops you didn’t plant.’
[22] “ ‘You wicked servant!’ the king roared. ‘Your own words condemn you. If you knew that I’m a hard man who takes what isn’t mine and harvests crops I didn’t plant, [23] why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’
[24] “Then, turning to the others standing nearby, the king ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.’
[25] “ ‘But, master,’ they said, ‘he already has ten pounds!’
[26] “ ‘Yes,’ the king replied, ‘and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. [27] And as for these enemies of mine who didn’t want me to be their king—bring them in and execute them right here in front of me.’ ” NLT

1. What we _____ _____ to God but is _____ to us.

2. God is _____ _____ to our _____.

3. We are _____ for the _____ we use his _____ to _____ Jesus and his Kingdom.

Genesis 1:26-28

[26] Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
[28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ESV

Malachi 3:8-12

[8] “Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me!
“But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’

“You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. [9] You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. [10] Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! [11] Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. [12] “Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. NLT

James 3:13-18

[13] If you are wise and understand God’s ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. [14] But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don’t cover up the truth with boasting and lying. [15] For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. [16] For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

[17] But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. [18] And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. NLT

1. What we **have** **belongs** to God but is **entrusted** to us.
2. God is **extraordinarily** **generous** to our **faithfulness**.
3. We are **accountable** for the **way** we use his **blessings** to **profit** Jesus and his Kingdom.