

Pathways

Lessons from Esther

“Providence to Purpose”



Esther 4:12-13

Then Esther’s message was given to Mordecai. When he got her message, Mordecai sent his answer back: “Esther, don’t think that just because you live in the king’s palace you will be the only Jew to escape.”

Esther 4:14-17

¹⁴ “If you keep quiet at a time like this, God will deliver the Jews from some other source, but you and your relatives will die; what’s more, who can say but that God has brought you into the palace (kingdom) for just such a time as this?”

¹⁵ Then Esther sent this message to Mordecai:

¹⁶ “Go and gather together all the Jews of Shushan and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day; and I and my maids will do the same; and then, though it is strictly forbidden, I will go in to see the king; and if I perish, I perish.”

¹⁷ So Mordecai did as Esther told him to.

Ownership

Ownership is the full and complete right of dominion over property.

Psalm 24:1-2

¹The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ²for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Owners Control
and
Managers oversee

God's Kingdom Business

For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17

New Living Translation



Management refers to the optimal way to accomplish tasks and achieve goals, using Planning, Organizing, Staffing, Directing, and Controlling functions or processes.

God's Managers

Stewardship is protecting and
expanding the assets of
another.

Tony Evans

A **biblical** world view of **stewardship** can be consciously defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation."

The central essence of **biblical** world view **stewardship** is managing everything God brings into the believer's life in a manner that honors God.

Proverbs 3:9

**Glorify God with all your wealth,
honoring him with your first fruits,
with every increase that comes to you.**

Passion Translation

I Peter 4:8-10

⁸ Most of all, love each other steadily and unselfishly, because love makes up for many faults.

⁹ Show hospitality to each other without complaint.

¹⁰ Use whatever gift you've received for *the good of* one another so that you can show yourselves to be good stewards of God's grace in all its varieties.

New International Version

Managers Discipline

Fasting and Praying

Esther said: “Go and gather together all the Jews of Shushan and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day; and I and my maids will do the same; and then, though it is strictly forbidden, I will go in to see the king; and if I die, I die.”

Fasting and Praying

Fasting is intentionally denying the flesh in order to gain a response from the spirit. ... When fasting, you say “no” to yourself and “yes” to God.

Fasting and Praying

- Fasting crucifies the flesh - BEATS IT DOWN
- Fasting is like detoxing - cleanse the hidden parts
- Fasting and praying stills the mind - perfect peace
- Fasting and praying amplifies your spiritual antenna - gives clearance for take off
- Fasting and praying confuses the enemy - 2 Chron. 20
- Fasting and praying releases the supernatural -Matt. 17:20-21

Matthew 17:20-21

²⁰ He told them, “It was because of your lack of faith. I promise you, if you have faith inside of you no bigger than the size of a small mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move away from here and go over there,’ and you will see it move!^[1] There is nothing you couldn’t do!

²¹ But this kind is cast out only through prayer and fasting.”