

# **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**

**<sup>14</sup> “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?”**

**<sup>15</sup> Then Esther sent this message to Mordecai:**

**<sup>16</sup> “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.”**

**<sup>17</sup> So Mordecai did as Esther told him to.**

## Ownership

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

## Psalm 24:1-2

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; <sup>2</sup>for 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

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

<sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to each other without complaint.

<sup>10</sup> 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

<sup>20</sup> 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!<sup>1</sup> There is nothing you couldn’t do!

<sup>21</sup> But this kind is cast out only through prayer and fasting.”