



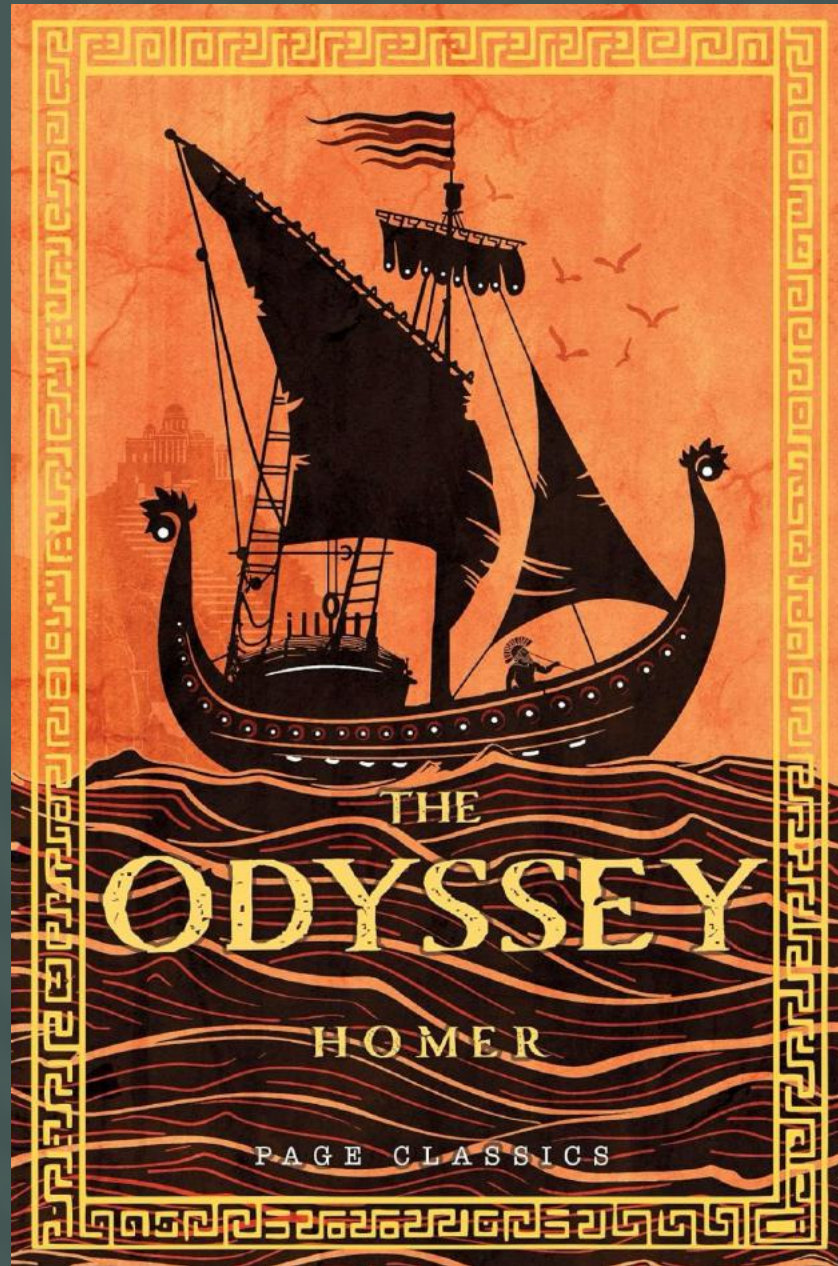
SEEK FIRST

Matthew 6:33

“My kids are the only thing I will invest my life in that has eternal value.”

-Guy whose name I can't remember

Matthew 6:19-24



We live in an earthly kingdom
that is filled with sirens.

“You have made us for yourself O Lord, and
our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

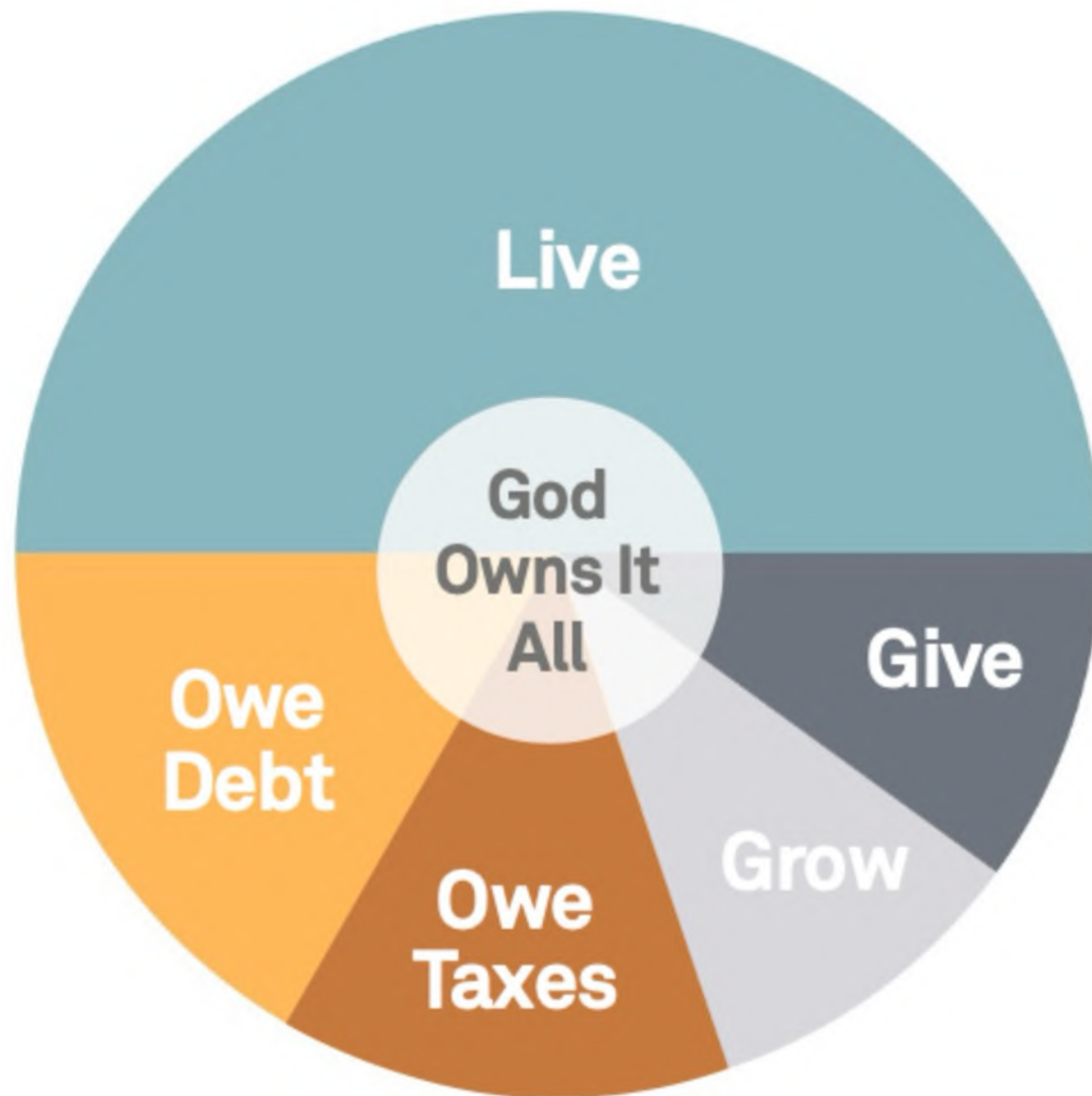
-St. Augustine

These kingdoms ask for our
money, time, and attention.

“A steward manages assets for the owner’s benefit. He carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It’s his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then to carry out his will.”

-Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*

Live, Give, Owe, Grow



Live

- Balancing provision and protection
- How much is enough?

Give

- Giving breaks the power of money.

Owe

- Debt always mortgages the future.
- I owe taxes, but they are symptomatic of God's provision.

Grow

- Growing margin is the only way to meet long term goals.

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- It may be out of your price range, but wouldn't that extra 500 sq ft be nice?

God cares deeply about how we
manage our money & possessions

The only time God invites us to test him
comes in the context of tithing.

700,000 hrs.

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- You don't have to go. You need a night off.
- Just one more episode.

God cares deeply about
how we spend our time.

"Our attention is the most valuable thing we have.
We experience only what we pay attention to.
We remember only what we pay attention to.
When we decide what to pay attention to in the
moment, we are making a broader decision
about how we want to spend our lives."

-How to Break Up with Your Phone, Catherine Price

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- You deserve a little entertainment.

God cares deeply about to whom,
how, and when we give our attention.

The siren songs in the kingdom of
this world are self-focused.

“Each person should do as he has decided in his heart - not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.”

-2 Corinthians 9:7-8

When we have God and neighbor in mind
with our money, time, and attention, our
hearts align with the heart of God.

Stewardship

Discipleship

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Steward

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Could how we steward our time, money, and attention show us who or what is discipling us?



The siren of the Holy Spirit is God's
gracious interruption in our lives.

“So, then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup.”

–1 Corinthians 11:27–28

COMMUNION FLOW

