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JAMES 5:1-6 (NIV)

Warning to Rich Oppressors

¹ Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

CALM DOWN

- Religious System
- Oppression
- Exploitation
- Greed



MARK 10:23-25 (NIV)

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

CALM DOWN

- Misplaced Priorities
 - Gain
 - Godly Life
- Sinful Wealth
 - Greed:
 - How did we get what we have?
 - How much does one person need?

CALM DOWN

- Exploiting
 - Expense of others
 - Fraud
 - Cruelty
 - Unfair
- Corruption
 - Rotten gain
 - Moth eaten and dirty
 - Corrosion
 - Wasted

BLESSINGS CAN BECOME OBSESSIONS

- Ruining a good thing
 - Greed
 - Expansion
 - Quick growth
 - Comfort
 - Selling out
 - Fading away

BLESSINGS CAN BECOME OBSESSIONS

- Purpose of wealth
 - Blessing
 - Usefulness
 - Kingdom focus
 - Care for others
 - Doing God's work

LUKE 15:4-10 (NIV)

⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

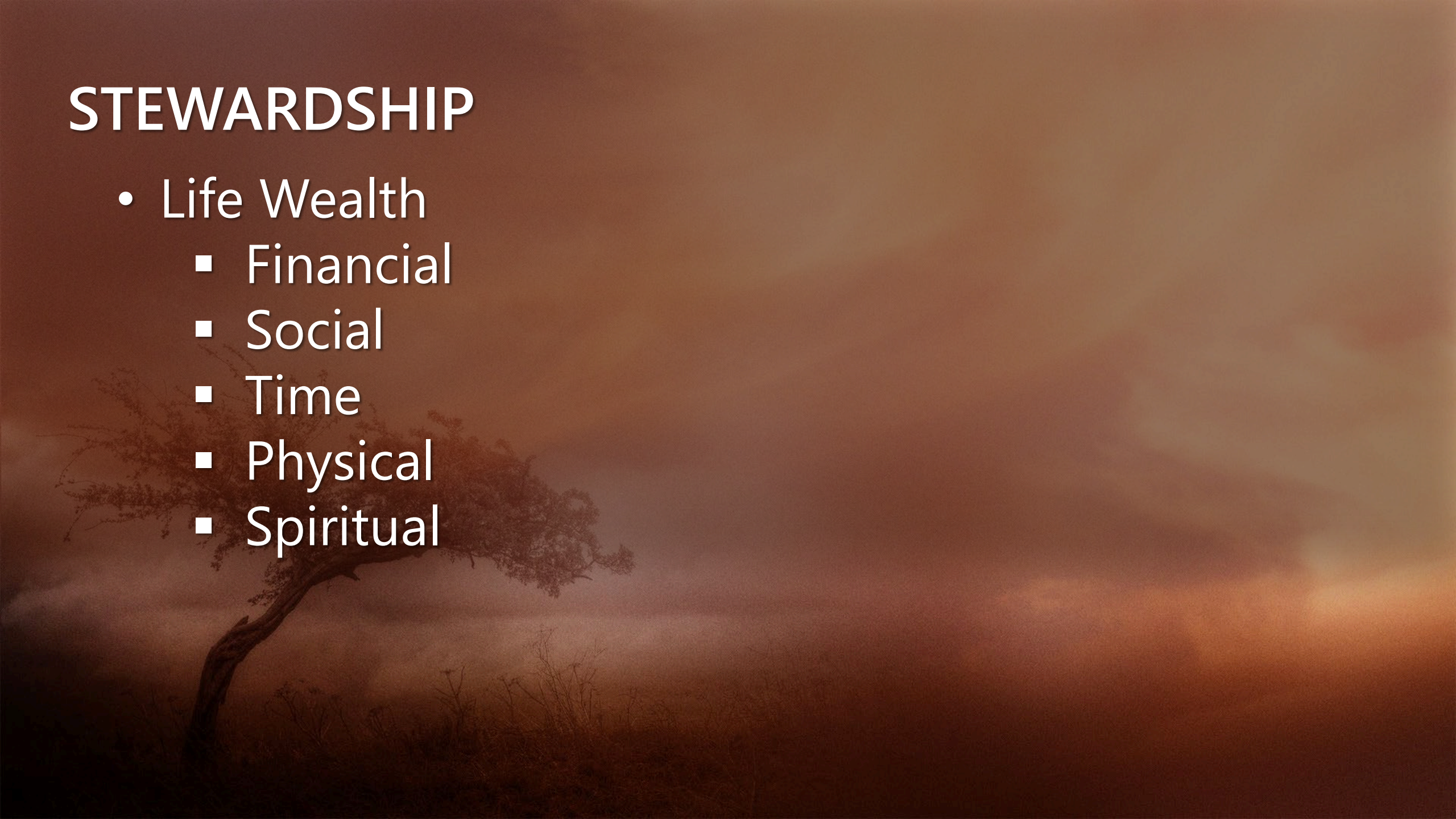
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The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

STEWARDSHIP

- Life Wealth
 - Financial
 - Social
 - Time
 - Physical
 - Spiritual



STEWARDSHIP

- Intentional
 - Giving
 - Saving
 - Living
- Not ownership
 - 'Who's money is this?'
- Temporary
- Purpose

STEWARDSHIP

- Eternal Focus
 - Generous
 - Helping others
 - Gift vs. possession
 - Investing
 - Today
 - Eternity

REFLECTIONS:



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1. How do I see the wealth in my life?
 - Possessions
 - Relationships
 - Skills
 - Influence
2. Do I hold my riches with a closed fist or an open hand?
3. What change is God inviting me to make in my mindset or actions?
4. Who can help me?



