

Treasure Principle, Questions from Chapters 3-4

1. How did these two chapters encourage you? How did they challenge you?

2. On page 25, Randy Alcorn says: *A steward manages assets for the owner's benefit. The steward carries no sense of entitlement to the asset he manages. It's his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will.*
 - i. What are some benefits in recognizing that we are stewards rather than owners?

3. [From pages 31 and 32] Read 2 Corinthians 8:2 and Exodus 36:5-7. How would your life be different if you lived like this more often?

4. From the middle of page 34: *Giving jump-starts our relationship with God. It opens our fists so we can receive what God has for us. When we see what it does for others and for us, we open our fists sooner and wider when the next change comes.*
 - i. Do you agree that giving jump-starts our relationship with God? If so, how? How have you experienced this in your walk with God?

5. From the top of page 41, Alcorn says: *If you imagine heaven as a place where you will strum a harp in endless tedium, you probably dread it. But if you trust scripture, you will be filled with joy and excitement as you anticipate your heavenly home.*
 - i. What reasons for excitement about eternity do the following passages provide?
 1. Isaiah 25:6-9

 2. John 14:2-3

 3. 1 Corinthians 6:2-3

 4. Revelation 22:1-5

6. From page 43, Alcorn says: *People often tell me they think it's ungodly to want rewards. But Scripture brims with passages in which God promises rewards for our faithfulness to Him.*
 - i. Read Matthew 6:19-21 and Luke 14:13-14. How do these passages speak to Alcorn's point that God promises rewards for our faithfulness to Him?

7. In light of these two chapters, how do you feel God is calling you to respond? How can we pray for your obedience in this area?