Chapter 5

Answering God's Call

Opening Prayer

Dearest Lord, thank You for Your wisdom, love, and faithful direction, throughout our entire lives and especially as we prepare our estate plans. Open our hearts anew to Your word. Give us the grace to live out your plan for our most generous and true stewardship, that we might draw nearer to You. May our daily actions be inspired wholly by love for You and for Your beloved children. For Your countless gifts we remain forever grateful. We come to You in the name of Your Son, our Savior. Amen

Purpose

e've come a long way over four chapters. Our journey has taken us from understanding who really owns our wealth and possessions, to the biblical definition of stewardship, to discovering our responsibility for loved ones while also recognizing God's command that we care for others. And it's not over yet!

As you have gained a deeper appreciation of the importance of good stewardship, you're undoubtedly ready to act upon that new understanding of God's plan for your wealth. You're ready to care more deeply for the physical and spiritual needs of others *with an eye toward eternity* – and the assurance of a lasting inheritance for your selflessness:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. Colossians 3:23-24