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“But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” Jer. 17



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This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I KNOW He has a purpose for my life.

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One of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus,

“Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”



Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ “But they all alike began to make excuses.



The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’



“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’



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MOMENT OF DECISION



Stewardship is for the INVITED
'Come, for everything is now ready.'



Stewardship is for the DISTRACTED



Laming Excuses

The excuse of **Wealth**

The excuse of **Possessions**

The excuse of **Time** (Dt 24:5)



Stewardship is for the EXCITED

“A Gloomy Christian is a Contradiction”



Stewardship ask us...

Who can be counted on?

Who is preparing?

Who is growing?



Stewardship is PREPARATION,
driven by ANTICIPATION



“The incomplete joys of this world will never satisfy the Human Heart.”

Alexis de Tocqueville