

## Under New Management Week 2

### Key Scriptures

- **1 Kings 3:1-15:** Solomon's worship at Gibeon and request for wisdom.
- **1 Kings 11:1-11:** Solomon's idolatry and consequences.
- **Luke 16:1-13:** Parable of the dishonest manager.
- **Proverbs 4:23:** Guard your heart.
- **John 6:63, Romans 8:8, Matthew 6:24, Malachi 3:** Spirit-led life, idolatry, and obedience.

### Main Themes

1. **Misplaced Devotion:** Worshiping anything but God creates "high places" (idols). Guard your heart (Proverbs 4:23).
2. **Mishandled Resources:** Mismanaging time, money, or talents causes brokenness. Be faithful in small things (Luke 16:10).
3. **Misguided Expectations:** Expecting blessings without obedience leads to disengagement. Align expectations with God's will.
4. **Solution:** Seek God first, surrender to His will, and steward resources well.

### Study Questions

1. What "high places" (idols) might be in your life? How can you refocus on God?
2. List one resource (e.g., time, money) you're mismanaging. How can you improve?
3. Have misguided expectations caused you to disengage? How can you surrender these to God?
4. What does seeking God first look like practically for you this week?

### Personal Reflection

- **Heart Check:** Pray to identify and remove idols.
- **Stewardship:** Rate your management of one resource (1-10) and plan one improvement.
- **Expectations:** Write down a misguided expectation and pray to align it with God's will.

### Group Discussion

1. Share an idol you've faced and how you overcame it.
2. How can your group steward resources better together?
3. Discuss a time unmet expectations led to disengagement. How can you support each other?

### Application Challenges

1. **Devotion:** Spend 5 minutes daily worshipping God.
2. **Stewardship:** Create a plan to better manage one resource this week.
3. **Expectation:** Pray daily to align one expectation with God's will.

### Prayer

Father, reveal my idols, help me steward Your gifts well, and align my expectations with Your will. I seek You first. Amen.

## **Resources**

- Read: 1 Kings 3, Luke 16.
- Memorize: Proverbs 4:23.
- Tool: Use a budgeting or time-tracking app.