

# Our Generous Response

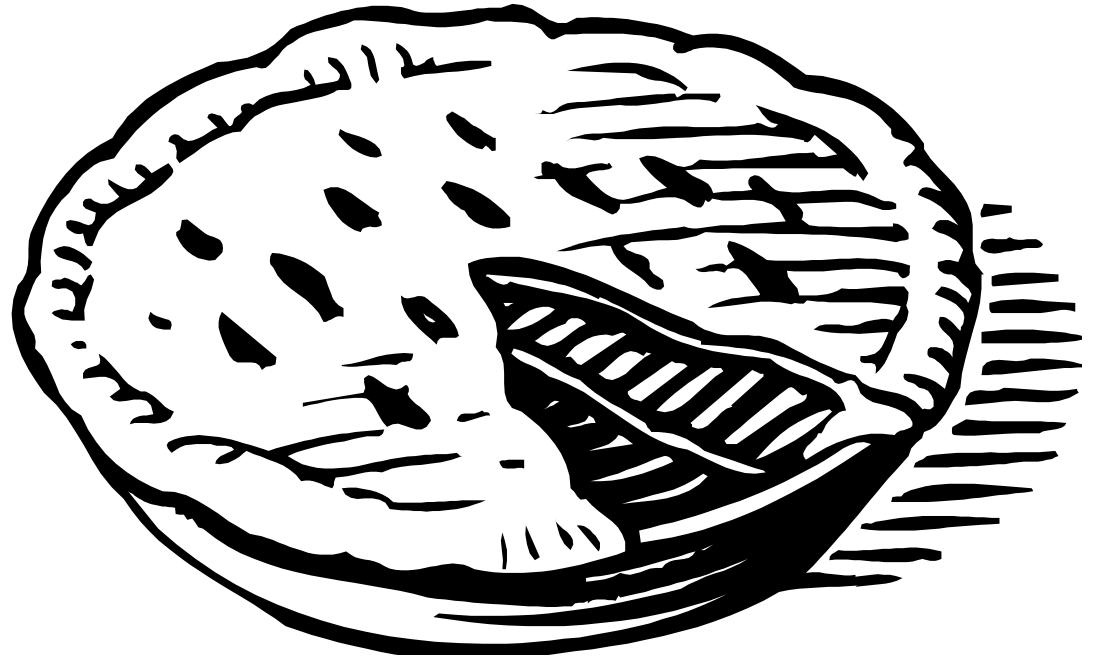


THE BEAUTY IN GIVING

**Matthew 25:14-30**

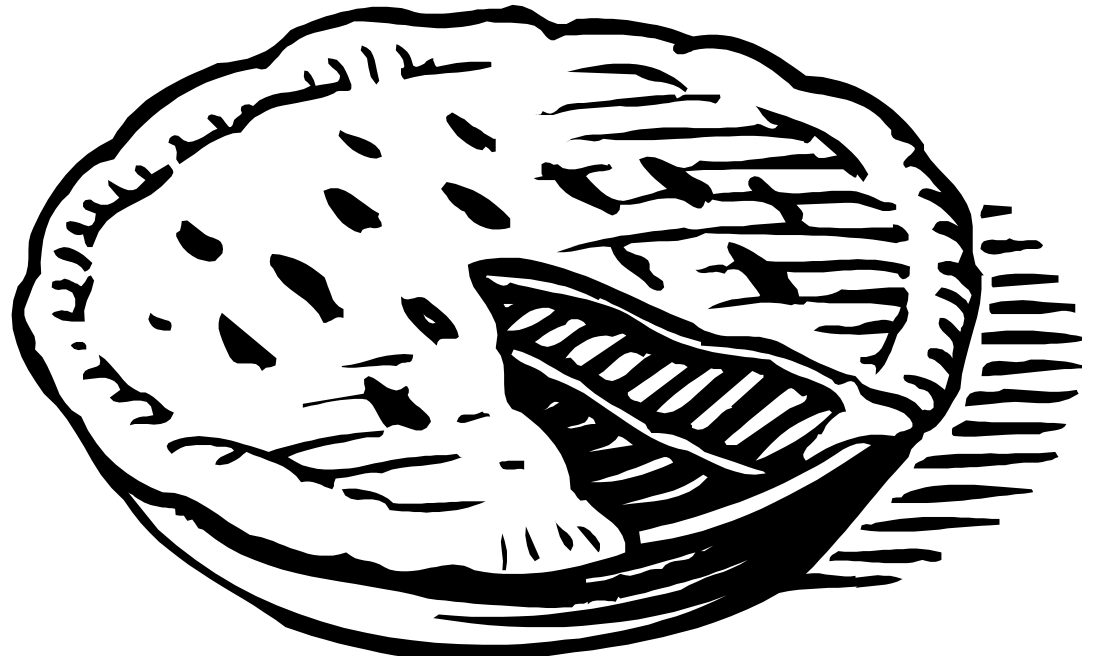
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- time



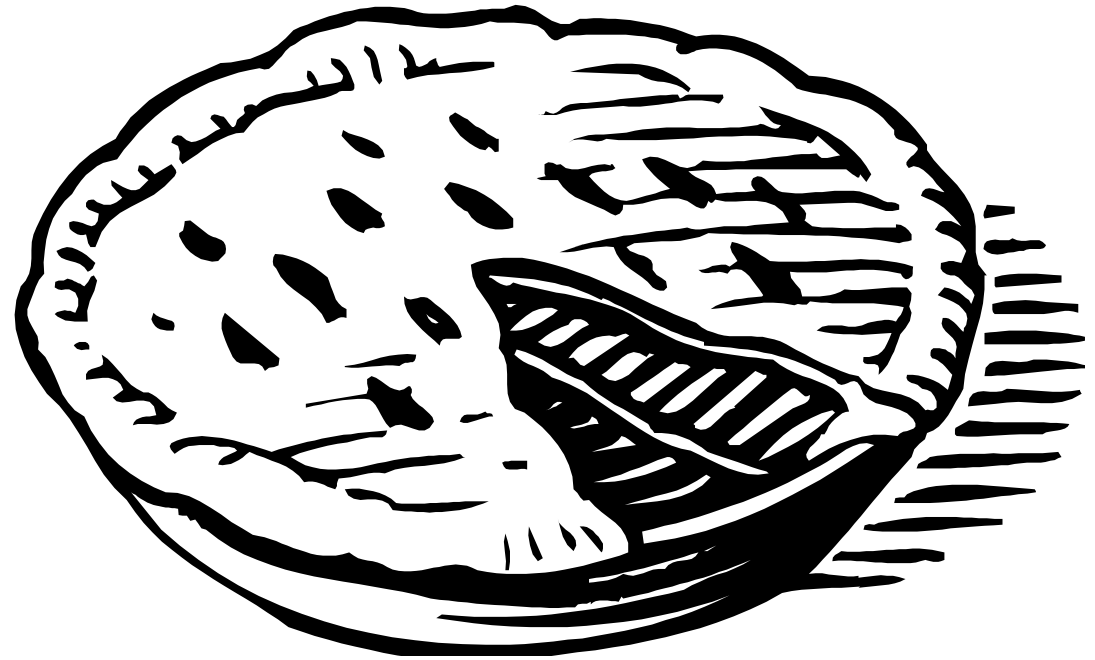
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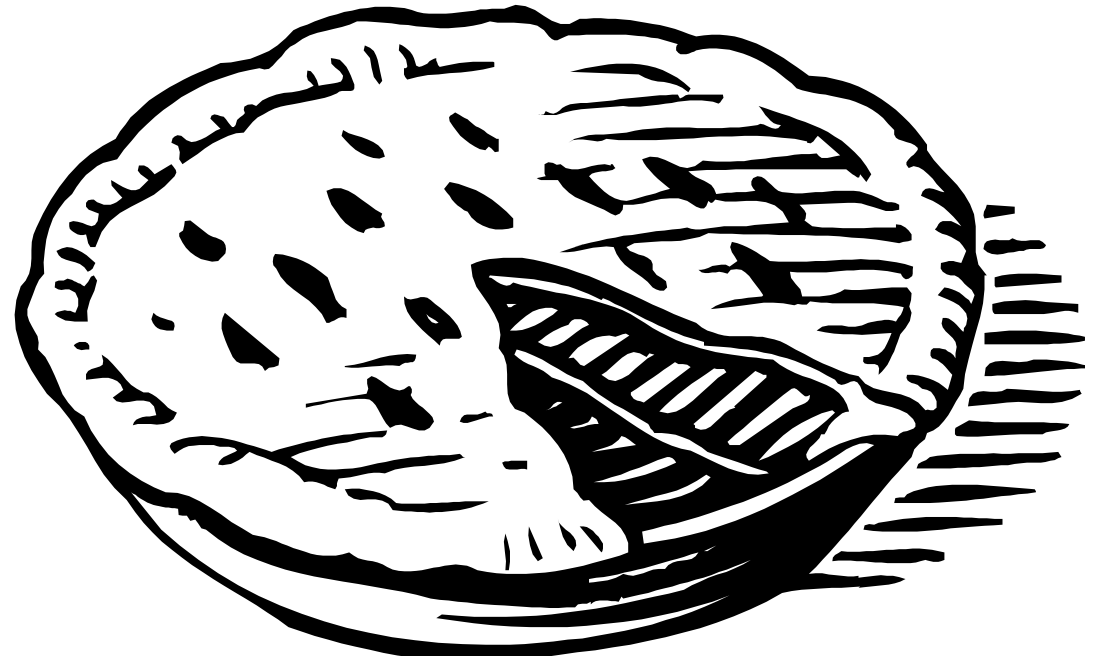
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- time
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- treasure



# A Steward is a Manager



“A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.”

**Matthew 24:25**

1.



**We are**  
*stewards not owners.*

“The Kingdom is also like what happened when a man went away and put his three servants in charge of **all he owned.**”

**Matthew 25:14**

**Living generously  
means living  
like...**

# A Steward is a Manager



“<sup>19</sup>Do you not realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you and whom you received from God?  
<sup>20</sup>You are not your own property, then; you have been bought at a price. So, use your body for the glory of God.”

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**



# Stewards not Owners

Generosity requires a value of responsibility and not demanding of rights.



# Stewards not Owners

Generosity is proportional  
to the size of our pie.



2.



Living generously  
means living  
like...

**We can be**  
*trusted with more.*

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! **You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.** Come and share your master’s happiness!’

**Matthew 25:21**

**The Master's distribution of  
resources is designed to...**

*grow our character*



### 3.



**Living generously  
means living  
like...**

## **We know God's investment strategies.**

“<sup>16</sup>The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup>So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup>But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.”

**Matthew 25:16-18**

**Where does God want us to invest  
the resource He has  
entrusted to us?**

**In His  
treasury fund**

*A Generous*  
**AME**

**Where does God want us to invest  
the resource He has  
entrusted to us?**

**In His  
mutual fund**

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**Where does God want us to invest  
the resource He has  
entrusted to us?**

**In His  
growth fund**

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**Where does God want us to invest  
the resource He has  
entrusted to us?**

**In His**  
*equity service fund*

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**Where does God want us to invest  
the resource He has  
entrusted to us?**

**In His  
global outreach  
fund**

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