

What God Says About **Ownership**

America is a funny place in a lot of ways. The culture has incorporated a host of recently contemporary standards into the fiber of daily life. One of our etched-in-stone philosophies is the concept of the “Pride of Ownership”. The implication is that the best way to have the use of any item is through sole possession. Though just decades have passed since our populace moved from the farm to the urban areas, the principle of cooperative ownership and use has gone out of vogue.

Consequently, the drive to possess rests inherently in the economic system of today’s world. Houses, cars, motor homes, vacation condominiums, lawn mowers: Everyone needs to own their own . . . and so the scurry to earn the down, get the loan, and make the payments preoccupies the upwardly immobile.

Is our concept of ownership jaded? Is it even possible that, in the drive to hold clear title, that we may be confused? In this session, we’ll look at who really owns it all, and what that means as we sort out our position regarding the acquisition and administration of assets.

▪ **General Principles:**

1. God claims ownership of the entire universe.
Deut. 10:14; I Chronicles 29:11; Job 41:11
2. God claims ownership of the whole earth.
Psalm 24:1-2
3. God claims ownership of every living thing.
Psalm 50:10-12
4. God claims ownership of every tangible asset.
Haggai 2:8

▪ **Because God is the Owner**

1. We are responsible to Him as trustees.
2. He has determined the dimension of our responsibility.
3. He will someday require a full accounting.
4. He will advance those who wisely serve His interests.
5. He will have no place for the one who knew his responsibility and did not fulfill it.

▪ **Notes**