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It is easy to give without ever surrendering a single thing.

“What have I given to God” or “What can I give to God” “What am I still holding back?”

Matthew 16:24 NLT “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.”

Stewardship that ends at giving, stops short of handing everything over to the Lord.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 NLT Then David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly: “O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever!
11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.
Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom.
We adore you as the one who is over all things. 12 Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. 13 O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!

Giving can look transactional; surrender costs something: It costs the illusion we own any of it

1 Chronicles 29:14-16 NLT But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! 15 We are here for only amoment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace.
16 O Lord our God, even this material we have gathered to build a Temple to honor your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you!

“But who am I?”

Pray: God, what have you entrusted to me?

Wrestle: Am I holding what God has entrusted me like an owner or managing them like they were always His?

Ask: What am I still gripping onto that is already yours?