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West End Men's Day 2021

Family Story

- **Married 18 years**
- **3 Children**
 - **Jaxson 14**
 - **Izzy Jo 10**
 - **Hogan 6**



Church Story

- **Southside
Church of Christ**

- **Deacon since
2012**



Work Story

- **CFO at Team Modern**
- **Part of family business since 2006**

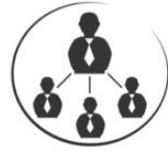




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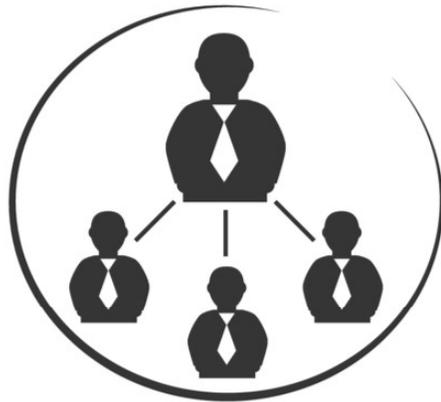
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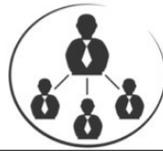


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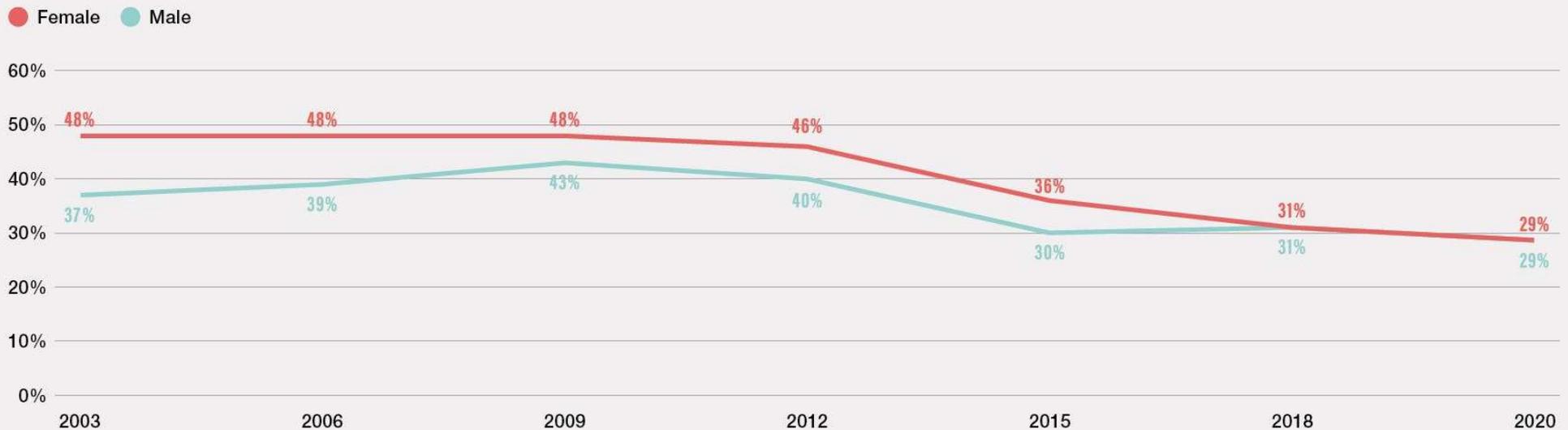




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WEEKLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE, BY GENDER

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n = 96,171 U.S. adults | January 2000 - February 2020

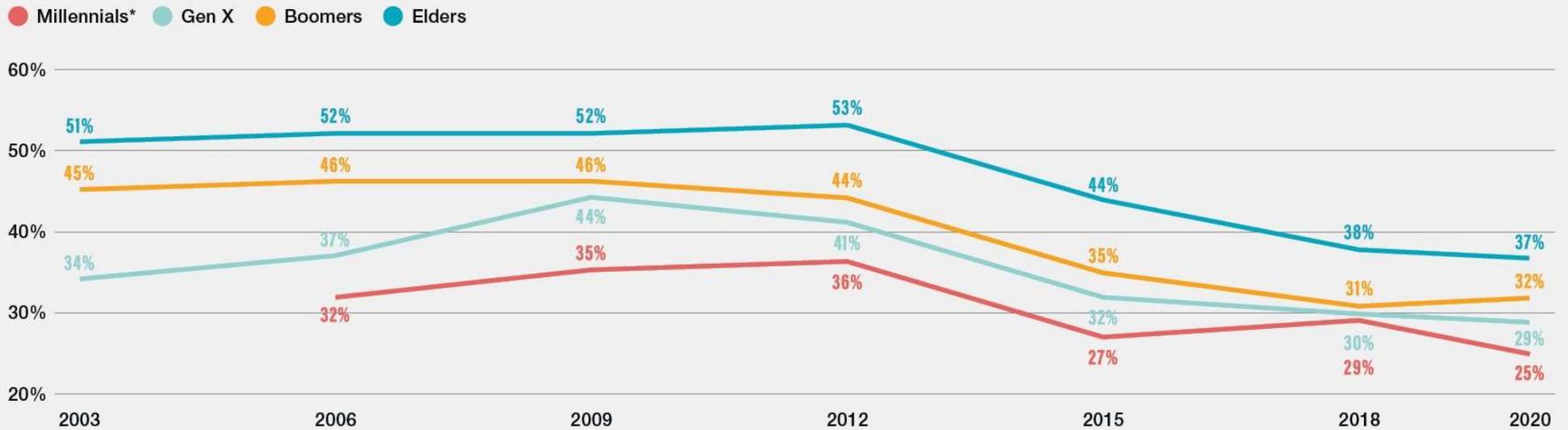
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WEEKLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE, BY GENERATION: 2003-2020

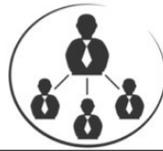
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*Due to low sample size, the 2003 attendance rate for Millennials was not included in this chart.

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WEEKLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE: 1993-2020



● All U.S. adults



n = 103,603 U.S. adults | 1993-2020

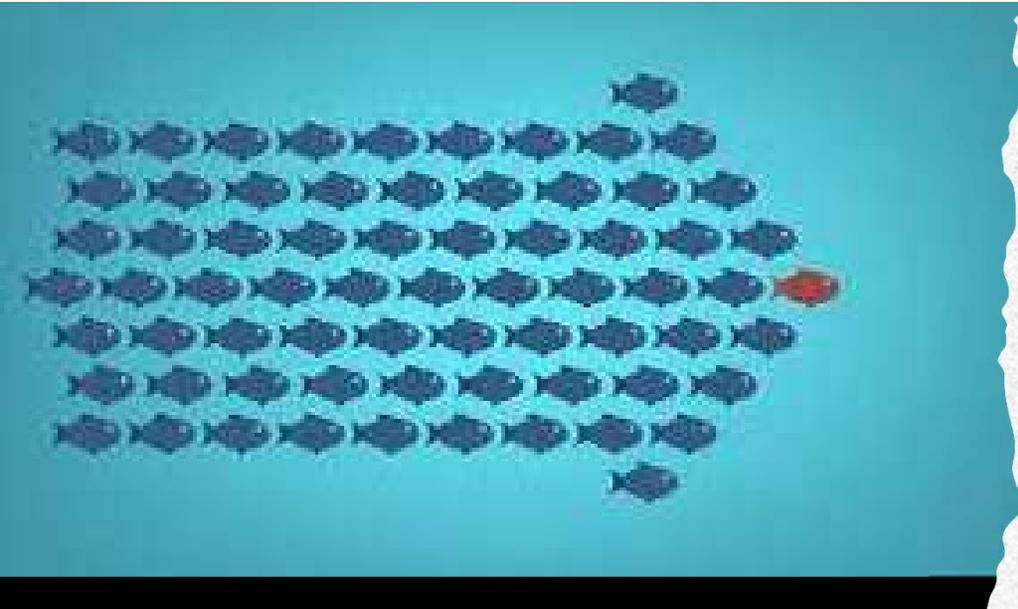
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1. Leadership v Authority

2. Sources of Authority & Leadership

3. How do they work together?



Leadership & Authority

- **Leadership** – *social influence that moves others to a common goal*
 - **RELATIONAL**
 - *1 Peter 2:12*

- **Authority** – *legitimate power to direct others and make decisions*
 - **POSITIONAL**
 - *Ephesians 5:22-23*



Authority

Sources of Authority – a sovereign source

- 1. God**
- 2. All other legitimate authority is appointed by God
- Romans 13:1-2**



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Authority

- **Government – Romans 13:1-6; 1 Peter 2:13-15**
 - **Husbands – Ephesians 5:22-23**
 - **Parents – Ephesians 6:1**
 - **Bosses – Colossians 3:22**
 - **Apostles – Matthew 18:18**
 - **Elders – Hebrews 13:17**
 - **Preachers – Titus 2:15**
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- **Holy Spirit – John 16:13**
 - **Scripture – 2 Timothy 3:16-17**
 - **Jesus – John 8:28-29; John 17:1-2**



Authority
in these
sources is
limited by
God
Acts 5:29
Gal. 1:8



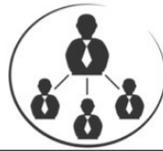
Leadership

Who Can Be a Leader?

Matthew 20:25-28

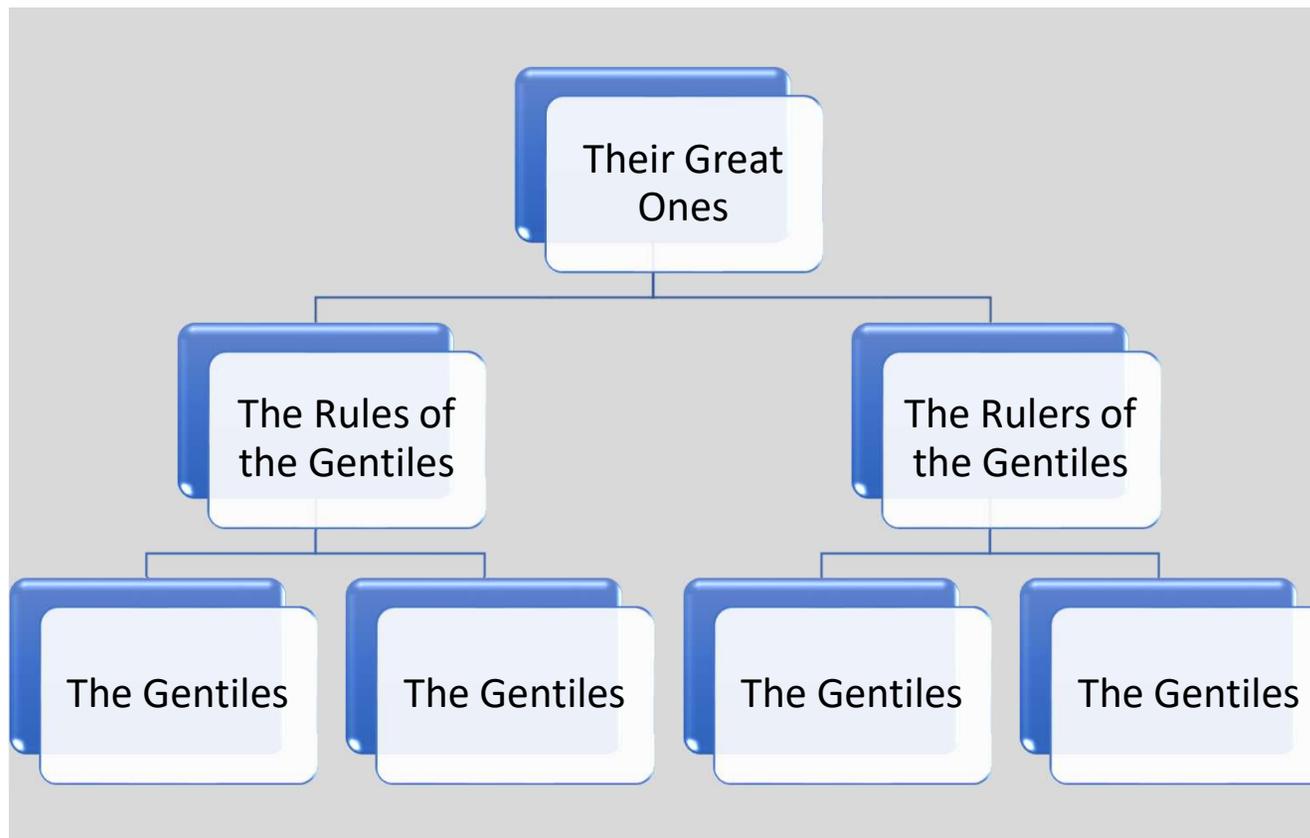
Mark 9:33-35

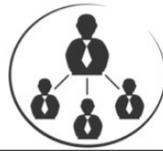
Consistently, the leader is the servant



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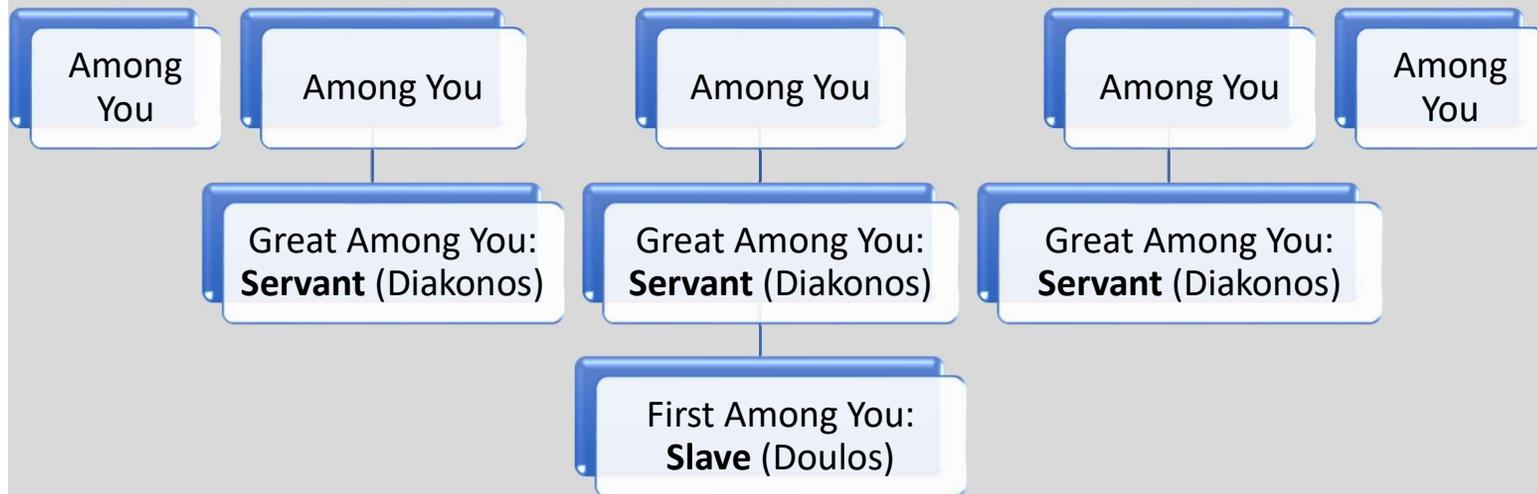
Leadership in the world – Matthew 20





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Leadership in the Kingdom – Matthew 20





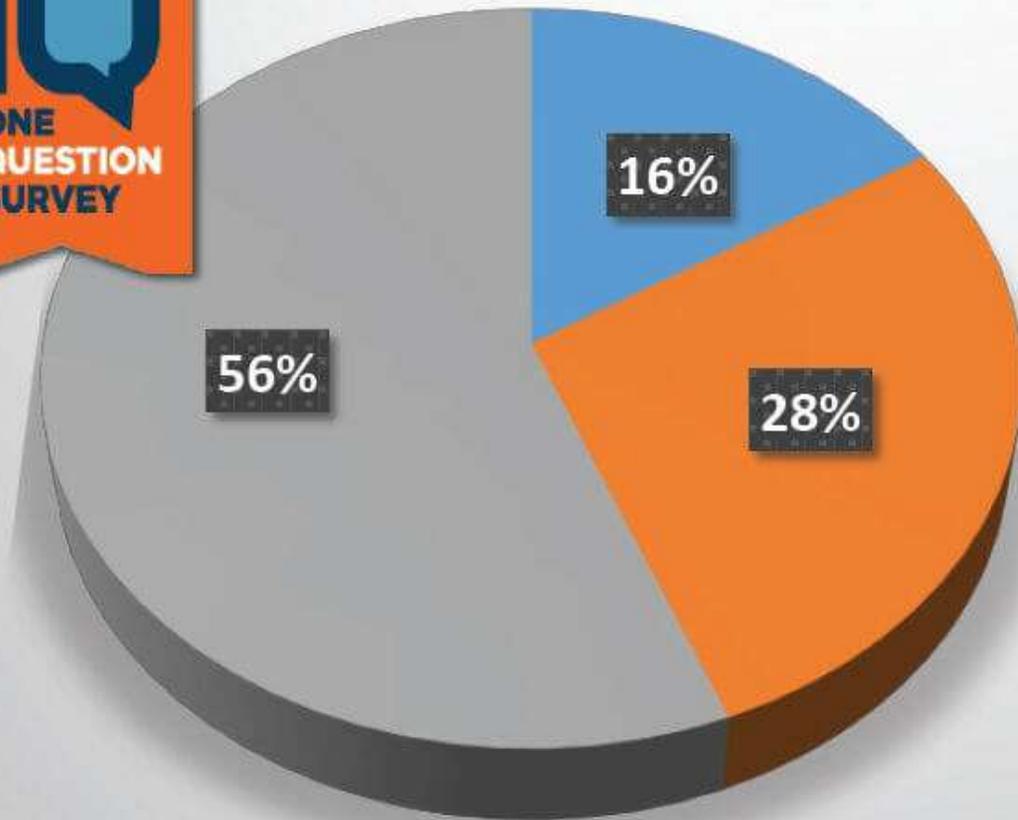
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Servant Leadership– easy to say... can it work?

Case Study: 1 Peter 3:1-2

- 1. Divorced from authority – Matthew 18:1-4**
- 2. Resistible – 2 Timothy 2:24-25**
- 3. Works from the inside out – Matthew 13:33**
- 4. Good hearts want to be led – Ezra 10:1-4**

Do You Presently Have A Spiritual Mentor?



■ No interest in a mentor

■ Presently has a mentor

■ Would like to have a spiritual mentor

1084 actual responses
National Survey of Christian Men
November 30, 2014



Practical Considerations

- **Authority with Leadership = Happy & Healthy Relationships**
- **Authority without Leadership – fuels resentment**
- **Leadership without Authority – disintegrates in stressful situations**



Takeaways

- 1. Authority originates with God**
- 2. Anyone can be a servant leader**
- 3. Authority & Leadership must work together to be successful**





The Discomfort of Riches

- *Truly I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God. - Matthew 19:23-24*
- *Those who long to be rich, however, stumble into temptation and a trap and many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. - 1 Timothy 6:9 (NET)*



1. It's All God's Stuff

**2. God Gives Us What We Need
If We Are In Partnership With
Him**



Stewardship

We are in management of God's gifts

- **Skills and Abilities**

- *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as a good steward of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies...*

- 1 Peter 4:10-11

- **But more than that...**

- *Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

– Romans 12:6-9



Stewardship

Luke 12:13-21 – Parable of the Rich Fool

- **How would we describe this man?**
- **Be on guard against covetousness**
 - **Colossians 3:5 – how is it idolatry?**
- **Covetousness destroys contentment**
 - **James 4:1-2**
- **Covetousness is selfish**
 - **Misunderstanding of ownership**
 - **I Chron. 29:14**
 - **Lev. 25:23**



Stewardship

Why Boast Like It's Ours?

- *For who concedes you any superiority? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as though you did not?*
- 1 Corinthians 4:7 (NET)

What then is our responsibility?

- *"...at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest*
- Matthew 25:27
- **How does God measure return on investment?**



Stewardship

**This view requires careful consideration
of how we handle God's things**

*Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds...
- Proverbs 27:23*



Stewardship Budget

Projected Monthly Income	
Income 1	\$4,375.00
Extra income	\$0.00
Total monthly income	\$4,375.00

Actual Monthly Income	
Income 1	\$4,375.00
Extra income	\$200.00
Total monthly income	\$4,575.00

Projected Balance (Projected income minus expenses)	\$0.00
Actual Balance (Actual income minus expenses)	\$169.00
Difference (Actual minus projected)	\$169.00

GIVING	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Church	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Charitable	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Gifts	\$0.00		\$0.00
Subtotal	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00

SAVING	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Saving Account	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Life Insurance	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Investments	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Retirement	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00

HOUSING	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Mortgage or rent	\$685.00	\$685.00	\$0.00
Phone	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Utilities	\$200.00	\$206.00	-\$6.00
Maintenance or repairs	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Insurance/Taxes	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Subtotal	\$1,295.00	\$1,426.00	-\$131.00

FOOD	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Groceries	\$400.00	\$415.00	-\$15.00
Dining out	\$200.00	\$210.00	-\$10.00
Subtotal	\$600.00	\$625.00	-\$25.00

TRANSPORTATION	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Vehicle payment	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00

ENTERTAINMENT	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Television	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Other Streaming	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
Movies/Events	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Other			\$0.00
Subtotal	\$115.00	\$65.00	\$50.00

Mortgage or rent	\$685.00	\$685.00	\$0.00
Phone	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Utilities	\$200.00	\$206.00	-\$6.00
Maintenance or repairs	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
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Subtotal	\$1,295.00	\$1,426.00	-\$131.00

TRANSPORTATION	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Vehicle payment	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Fuel	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Maintenance	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$525.00	\$475.00	\$50.00

DEBT PAYMENTS	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Personal			\$0.00
Student			\$0.00
Other			\$0.00
Subtotal			\$0.00

PERSONAL CARE	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Medical	\$100.00	\$45.00	\$55.00
Health Insurance	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Clothing	\$50.00	\$75.00	-\$25.00
Dry cleaning	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Hair/Nails	\$40.00	\$45.00	-\$5.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$365.00	\$340.00	\$25.00

FOOD	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Groceries	\$400.00	\$415.00	-\$15.00
Dining out	\$200.00	\$210.00	-\$10.00
Subtotal	\$600.00	\$625.00	-\$25.00

ENTERTAINMENT	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Television	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Other Streaming	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
Movies/Events	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Other			\$0.00
Subtotal	\$115.00	\$65.00	\$50.00

TAXES	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Federal	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$0.00
State	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Other			\$0.00
Subtotal	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$0.00

OTHER	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Other			\$0.00
Other			\$0.00
Subtotal			\$0.00

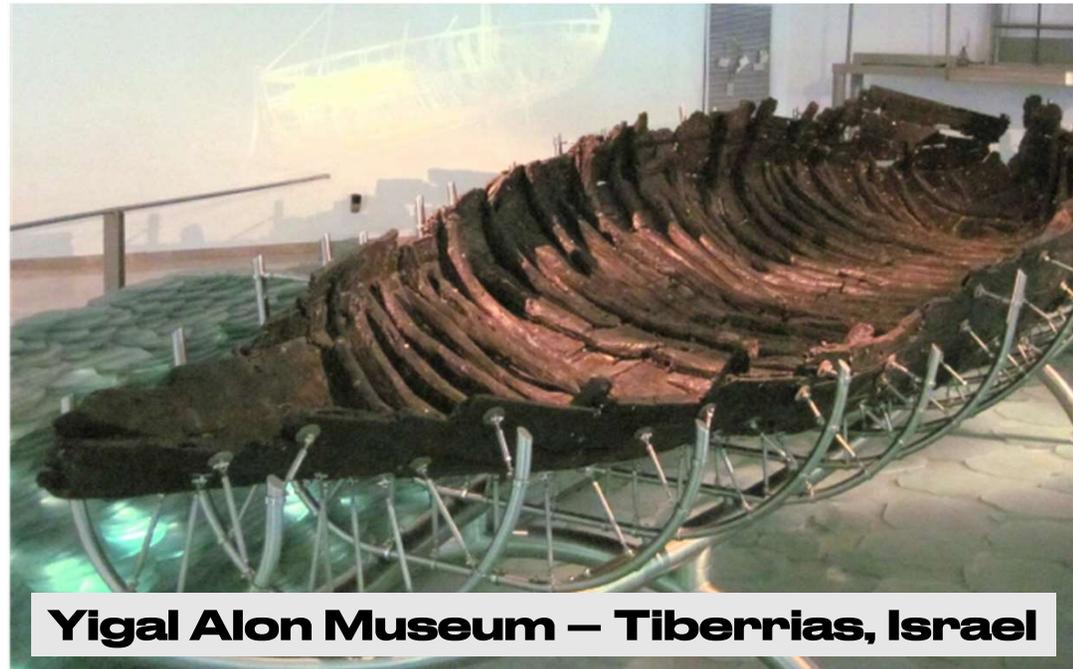
Total Projected Cost	\$4,375.00
Total Actual Cost	\$4,406.00
Total Difference	(\$31.00)



Possessing With Faith

Belief in Stewardship Requires Belief in Providence

- **Luke 5:1-11**
 - “left everything”
 - **The “Jesus Boat”**
 - **27’x7.5’x5’**
 - **Fish required?**
 - **31K lbs**
 - **50-100 yrs salary**



Yigal Alon Museum – Tiberrias, Israel



Takeaways

- 1. We are rich...**
- 2. ...in God's things**
- 3. God expects spiritual return on his things**
- 4. God Provides for God's Purposes**





Two Perspectives

1. Macro – The Purpose of the Business World

Does Business Matter to God?

2. Micro – The Purpose of Our Work

Does My Work Life Matter to God?



Does Business Matter to God?

Genesis 2:4-5

- **Two necessary components to God's blessings**
 - 1. Provision of God**
 - 2. Effort of Man**



Does Business Matter to God?

**How does
business
provide
the
blessings
of God?**





Does Business Matter to God?

**When business provides a blessing,
we are in partnership with God**

So we receive our blessings not from them [others/human institutions], but from God, through them. Creatures are only the hands, channels and means through which God bestows all blessings.

- Martin Luther

**...even if we are unaware of the
partnership**



Does Business Matter to God?

Why does God's presence seem so far from the world of business?

- 1. Sin defiles everything**
Romans 8:20,22
Genesis 17-19
- 2. Without salt the world rots**
Matthew 5:13
- 3. Miscalculated ROI**

Business School Model

- Business exists to benefit the shareholder
 - *The only corporate responsibility a company has is to maximize its profits.*
- Milton Friedman

Genesis Model

- Business exists to distribute God's blessings
 - Makes output of business a concern
 - Profit is a means to service



Does My Work Life Matter to God?

Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

- Colossians 3:22-24

Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

- Titus 2:9-10



Does My Work Life Matter to God?

Misplaced view of work

- **“A necessary evil”**
- **“What I have to do in order to do what I want to do”**
- **“In a perfect world, we wouldn’t have to work”**



Does My Work Life Matter to God?

When Business becomes Busyness

- **The subtle selfishness of Christians**
- **Luke 14:16-24**

Three interesting questions

- 1. What is the current pace of your life?**
- 2. What is the limit of what you can do?**
- 3. How much space is between 1 & 2?**

God needs that space! – Ephesians 5:15-16



Takeaways

- 1. Business is not irrelevant to God**
- 2. How we work matters**
- 3. The business world needs the saltiness of Christians**
- 4. Handling our daily planner is a spiritual decision**