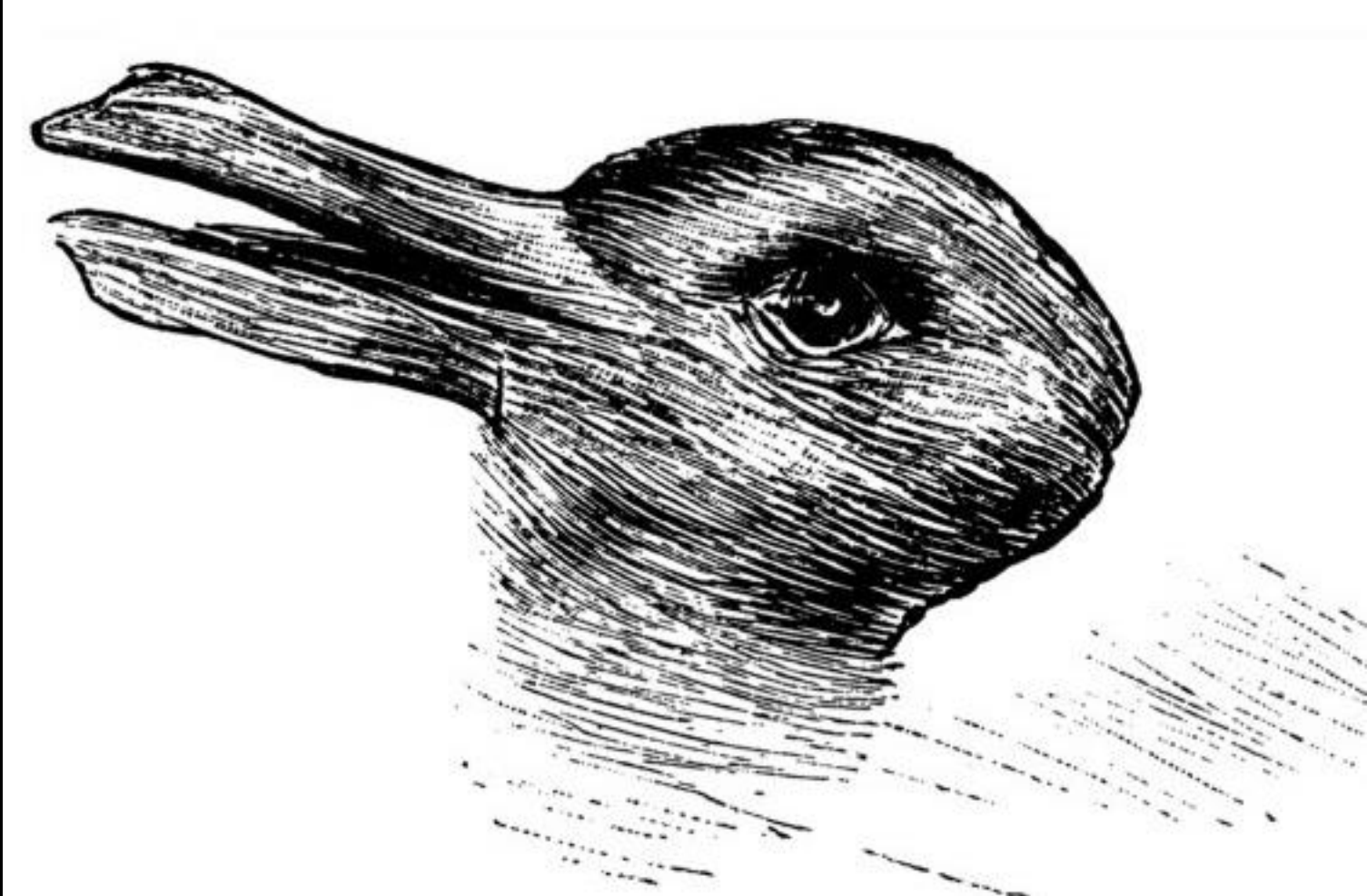


Generosity



new series:

A generous life!

Knowing the joy that comes from giving more than what is strictly expected.

“Not that we dominate over your faith,
but we work with you for your joy,
because it is **by faith** you stand firm.”

1 Cor. 1:24

Four foundational truths about generosity:

We can know the great Joy of generosity because God has been so generous to us.

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A generous life reflects the generosity of our God.

(Think “reflect HIM” not “rule to keep”)

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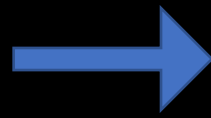
A generous life is the calling of every follower of Jesus.

“The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,”

Ps. 24:1

Four foundational truths about generosity:

Generosity is more than money -
it is a mindset.



Mind
(Mindset)



Heart
(Affections
&
Choices)

*“**be** transformed by the renewing of your **mind**. Then you will be able to **discern** what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Romans 12:2

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POOL RULES



**Please shower before entering
the swimming pool.**



**No food or drinks in the
pool area.**



No glassware or bottles.



**No smoking in pool or deck
area.**

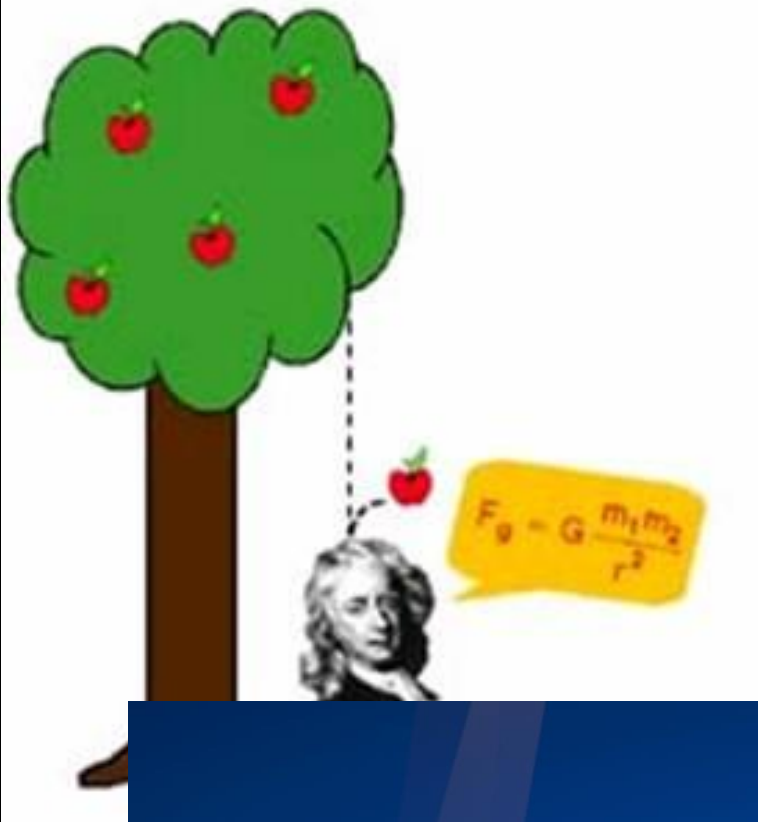


**No diving is permitted off deck
into shallow areas of pool.**



**No lifeguard on Duty.
Swim at your own risk!**

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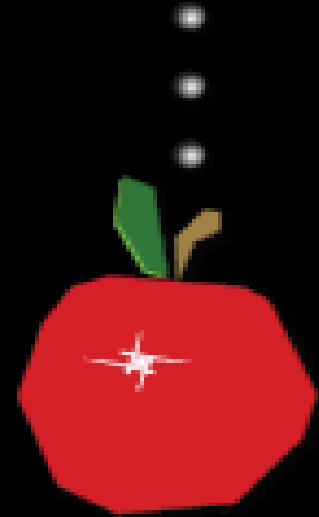
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dictatorship



design

STEWARDSHIP

Mindset change...

Stewardship **is a** “law of created design” **not a law of** dictatorship.

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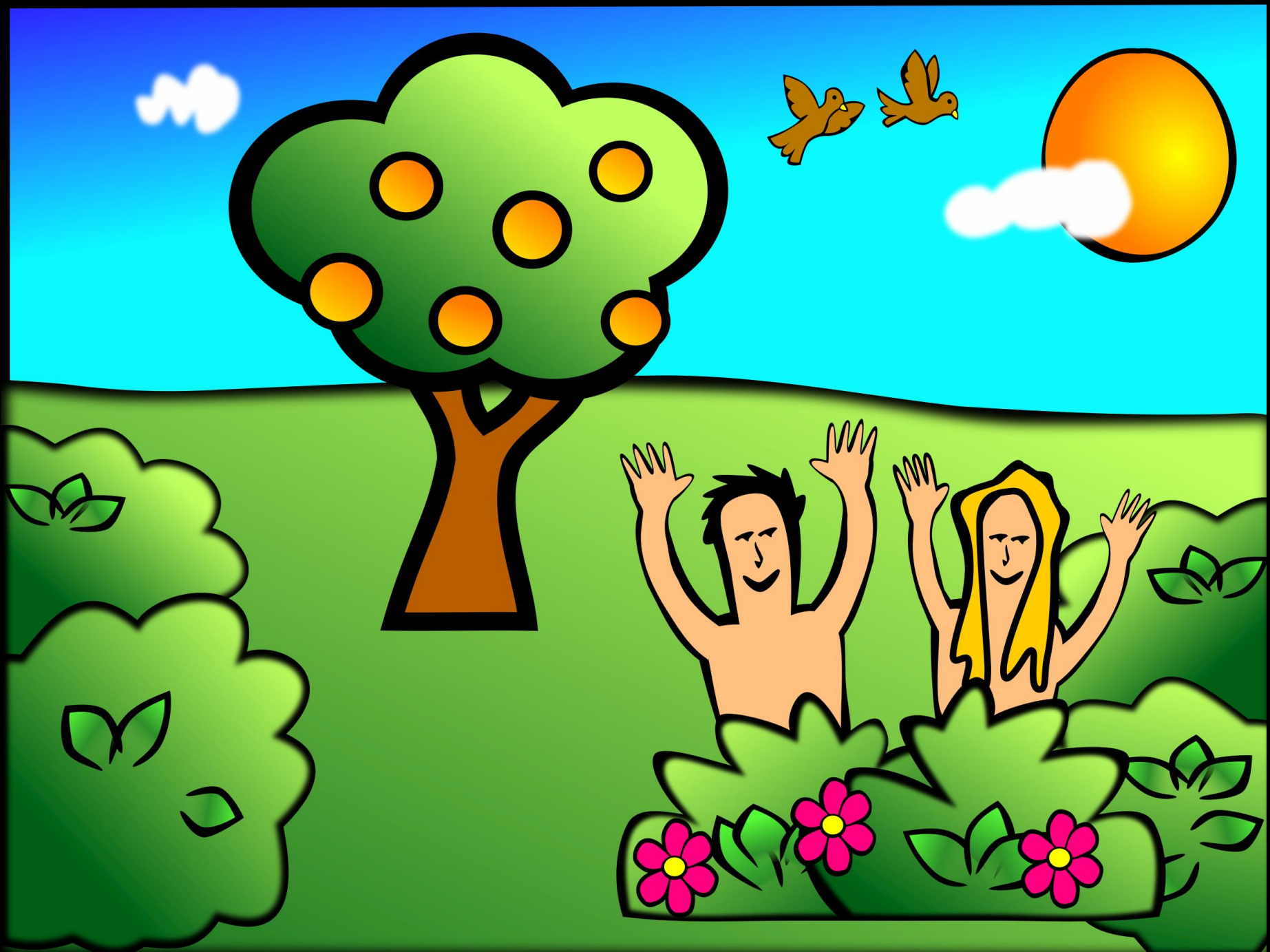
Defined...

God is the creator and therefore owner of all things, and He has created mankind to manage things for the sake of fulfilling His purposes.

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“And God saw that it was *good*...

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden **to work it and take care of it**. And the LORD God commanded the man, **You are free to eat from any tree in the garden**; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Gen 2

STEWARDSHIP

Mindset change...

Stewardship is a “law of created design” not a law of dictatorship.



You can fulfill **your purpose**
(being generous) as you
embrace the **principle** of
“**law of design.**”

Three truths of stewardship:

**God is the owner of all things,
and I am a manager.**

“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in
it, the world, and all who live in it;” Ps 24:1





“When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. And do not become proud of heart. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, **You may say to yourself**, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.” Duet 8

Three truths of stewardship:

**As a manager, I desire to fulfill
the desires of the owner.**

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”

Gen 12: 12

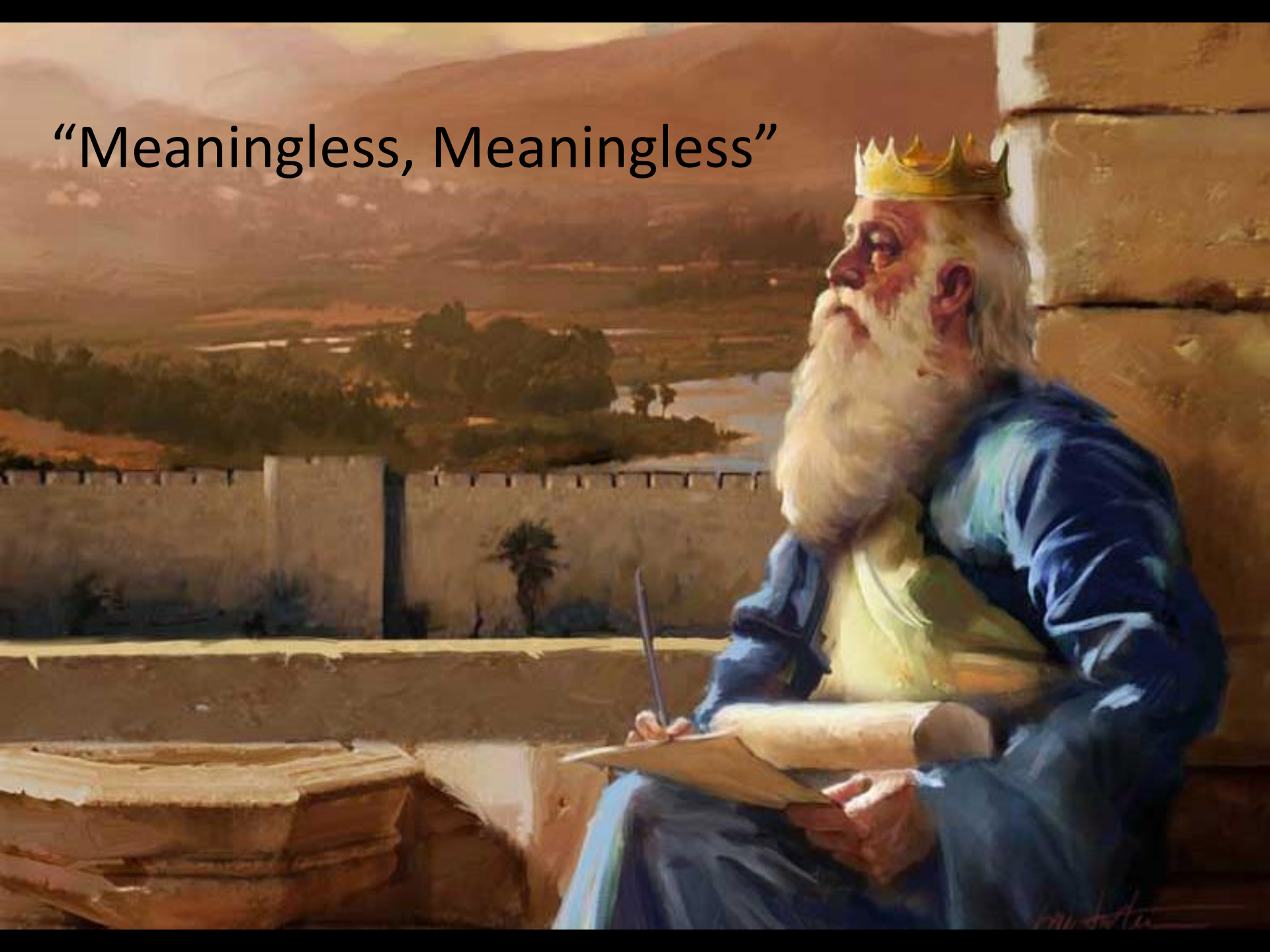
Three truths of stewardship:

One day my management of
God's resources will be
thoroughly examined.

"What did you do with Jesus, and the stuff that
I gave you?"

Is this true?

“Meaningless, Meaningless”





“The world says: “You have needs -- satisfy them. You have as much right as the rich and the mighty. Don't hesitate to satisfy your needs; indeed, expand your needs and demand more.” This is the worldly doctrine of today. And they believe that this is freedom. The result for the rich is isolation and suicide, for the poor, envy and murder.”

– Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*

THE
PARADOX
OF
GENEROSITY

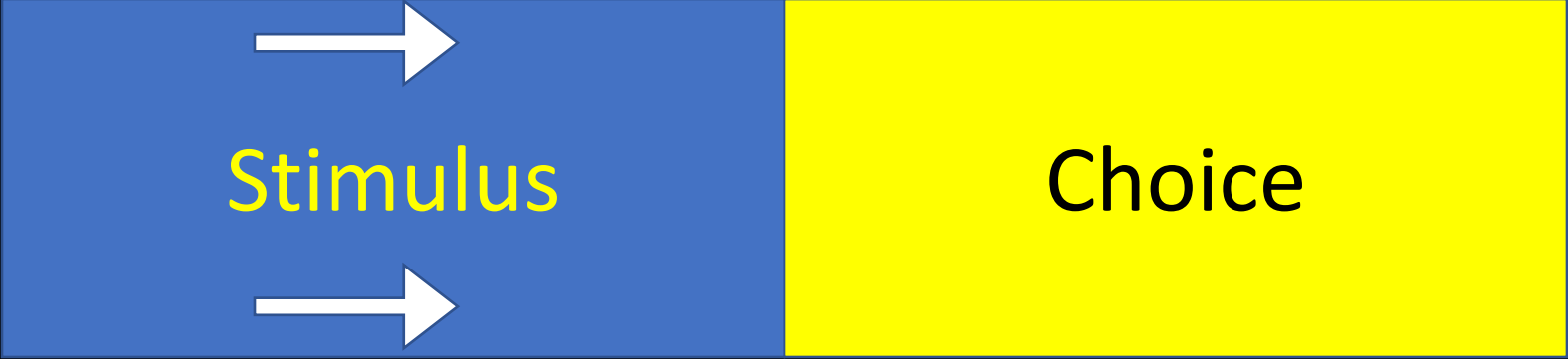


GIVING WE RECEIVE, GRASPING WE LOSE

Christian Smith &
Hilary Davidson

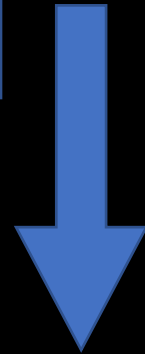
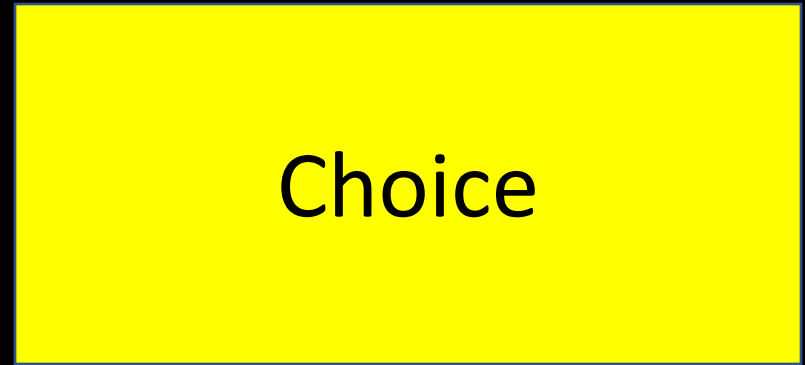
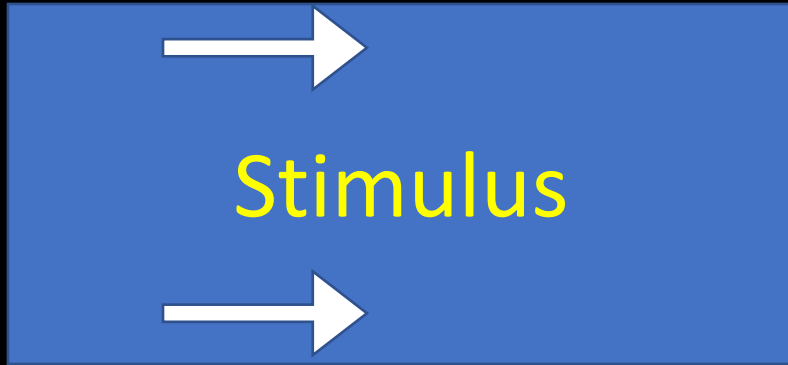
So what does this mean
for you and us?

A 5 second self
conversation could make
a big difference!



Stimulus

Choice



What would be the
good stewardship choice?

You can fulfill **your purpose**
(being generous) as you
embrace the **principle** of
“law of design.”