

# Stewardship Coaching Self-Assessment

*This exercise is designed to help you to assess where God is leading you in the management of your resources.*

## **I** Surplus Capital

We sometimes forget that we follow the world's direction on where to keep our money. Though not perfect, it is possible to invest in ways more in line with your faith.

- Do I feel that my surplus capital, both emergency reserves and retirement assets are invested in a God-honoring way?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest) how comfortable am I in this area?

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## **II** Negative Capital

A fancy way of saying being in debt, negative capital entails how external forces have encroached upon our financial ability to respond to God's work in our lives.

- Does my amount of debt constrain my ability to walk in a God-honoring manner?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest) how comfortable am I in this area?

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## **III** Giving

Our giving is a sign of acknowledgment of God's abundance. He has said He will take care of us. Like the Sabbath practice discussed below, our giving is an example of our love for God. Yes it can help the poor, which we have discussed is dear to God's heart. But God, "who owns cattle on a thousand hills" (Psalms 58:10) can certainly feed everybody if He so desires.

- Am I comfortable with the amount of my giving?
- Does my giving build relationships?
- Do I have a giving plan?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest) how comfortable am I in this area?

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## IV

### Environment

As a native born Texan, I have to admit that I have not given much thought to some of the “greener” issues. Yet as a Christian, we are stewards of God’s creation (Genesis 2:15). We are exhausting this planet’s resources. “God always forgives, but the earth does not.”<sup>1</sup>

- Do I feel like I am a good steward of my household?
- Do I need to reduce my impact on the environment for the benefit of others?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest) how comfortable am I in this area?

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## V

### Consumption

There are two issues here. One is how much we consume; the other is how we direct our consumer dollars. Much the same way that our conservation efforts can reflect our love for God, what we choose to consume is a reflection of our hearts.

- Should I go further in reducing my consumption and changing my spending patterns to more sustainable ones?
- Do I take into consideration the relational and social impacts of my spending?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest) how comfortable am I in this area?

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## VI

### Solidarity

“We in the US are so materialistic it is hard to understand relational problems. When queried, the world’s poor express 50% of the time psychological, rather than material, concerns (World Bank’s Voices of the Poor<sup>2</sup>). We suggest our perspective should be less about how we are going to fix the materially poor and more about how we can walk together, asking God to fix both of us.”<sup>3</sup>

- Am I interacting in a meaningful way with people from a very different social stratum than my own, particularly those who are marginalized?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest) how comfortable am I in this area?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-11-21/doomsday-pope-warns-greed-will-destroy-world/5908034>

<sup>2</sup> Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert, *When Helping Hurts*

<sup>3</sup> *ibid.*

# VII

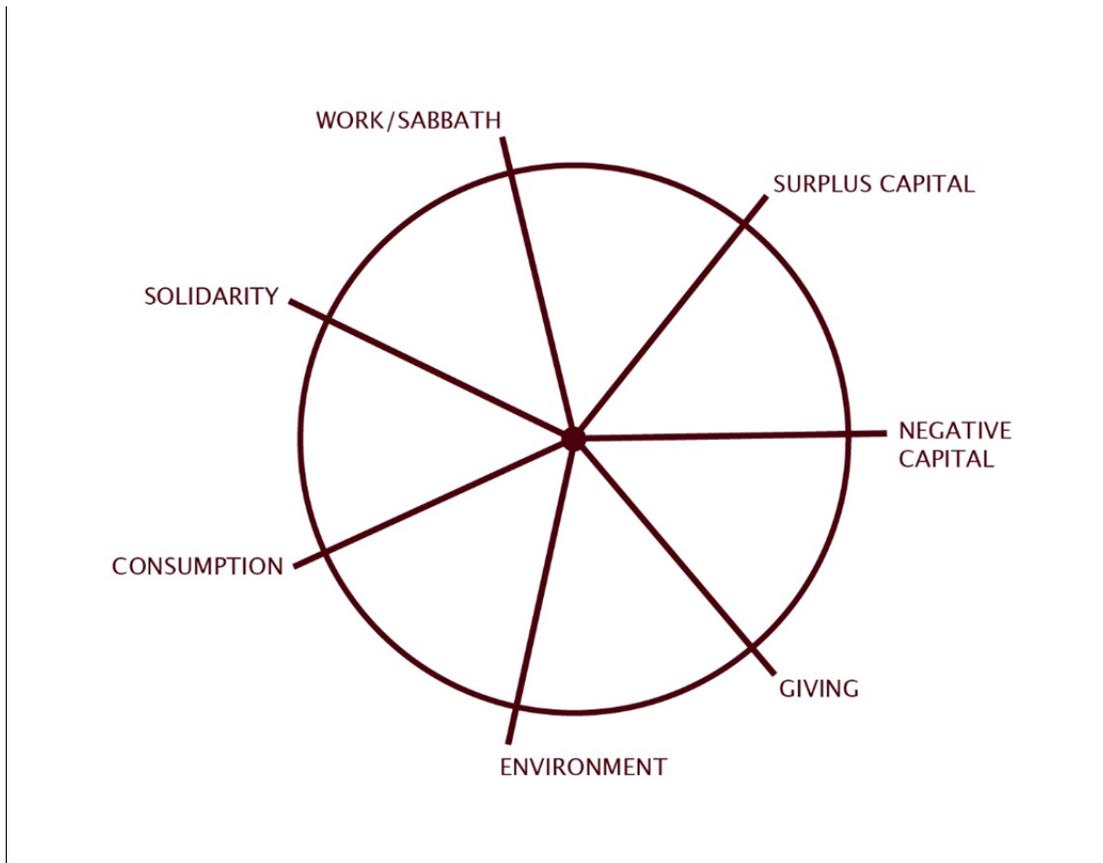
## Work and Sabbath

Cessation of work for one day recognizes God’s abundance and his provision.

- Do I observe the Sabbath?
- Do I stop enough to recognize God's abundant providence?
- Do I regularly cease activities that are self focused to be available for those around me?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest) how comfortable am I in this area?

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**Step #1**—Place a dot on each spoke that indicates your level of satisfaction in that particular area from your answers above. Use a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 at the hub and 10 at the rim. A zero indicates no satisfaction and a ten indicates the highest degree of satisfaction.

**Step #2**—Now draw a line to connect the dots.

**Step #3**—Is your wheel round or does it show flat spots? Is it deflated or is it full? What does this exercise tell you about your walk? Are there areas of your life where God may be directing your attention?