



“For all things come from You, and of Your own hand have we given *back to you*.” 1 Chronicles 29:14

We are really never owners of anything – merely stewards of those things freely given to us by our Creator and Redeemer. As the Creator, all belongs to Him and He has the sovereign right of decision over all things. As the Redeemer, He holds the moral and legal rights to all of mankind by virtue of His sacrifice upon the Cross.

Indeed, all that we may offer to God is in reality only our giving to Him something He already owns! We may think of a child who owns nothing yet picks flowers from his mother’s garden and then proudly offers these same flowers to her as his gift of love. She is thrilled with his thoughtfulness and he in turn is excited that his gift has so caused his mother so much happiness! We know that the flowers were the child’s mother’s to start with, but we also know the grateful mother received the flowers as a special treat from her child!

This perspective of ownership will allow the believer to hold all things, whether temporal and materialistic possessions, the intangibilities of time and talent, or the eternally immeasurable value of our family and the souls of men, very loosely. Further, this perspective will then enable us to embrace life to a fullness that most others so easily miss.

Why not examine your life today and look for those things you have taken as personal possessions, yet the Creator has only meant for you to borrow! Now, offer them back to Him as a gift of your love and devotion.

“Lord, these things, these relationships... have come from Your hand. Thank You. And now I offer them back to You as my love gift.” I love You!”