What Do You Own?

2 Kings 6:1-7 – We all understand that the way we treat our own possessions and the way we treat the possessions of others are different. We can empathize with this prophet because we too have much that is borrowed.

1. What do we own? It would be helpful to first list the things we do not own:

-Your earthly possessions

James 1:16-17

-Your time

James 4:13-15

-Your body

1 Corinthians 6:19

-Your very existence

Job 12:10; Acts 17:28

-All these belong to God!

Exodus 19:5; 1 Chronicles 29:11-14; Job 41:11; Psalm 24:1

2. Knowing that God owns all these things, we must recognize our responsibility.

- A) We are stewards of God's gifts.
 - God's expectation in this matter is well seen in the parable of the talents (Matt. 25)

3. Having recognized our responsibility as stewards, how do we act as good stewards of "God's varied grace"?

- A) By sharing without reservation
- B) By using our money, time, and our bodies in ways that show God as our master.

4. We know what we do not own. Now, what DO we own?

- A) We own the choice
 - To glorify God or glorify self.
 - To obey God or obey Satan.
 - To choose life or choose death.

If we choose life, we own an inheritance.

If we choose death, we own the guilt and condemnation from our sins.

The question is... Who Owns You? You are a slave of someone, whether you like it or not. Are you going to be a slave of God or a slave of Satan? Slavery to Satan brings bondage and death. Slavery to God brings liberty and life. Make the choice tonight, and every day onward.