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# Introduction

The principles of stewardship can often get pushed aside and eventually lost in the busy routine of daily activity. By taking a fresh look at these foundational truths, we will rediscover that they are there to enrich and fulfill our lives. One way to do this is through the short mini dramas found in this book. The visual impact of these vignettes—often humorous and interactive—will cause these all-important principles to stick in our minds. They will help us remember.

These skits are designed to provide a dramatic punctuation to a variety of stewardship topics. They also accommodate a wide range of performance levels, from one-person monologues to more complex skits requiring several characters. As such, they can be tailored to your church's specific drama capabilities. One thing is certain: each mini drama illustrates a principle of stewardship in a new and creative way. This is an excellent resource tool for both the youth and adults. It will promote lives committed to giving and living for Jesus.

Jeff Metherell has put stewardship principles in practical terms that every Christian must not only eventually confront but make a decision on. What will you do when faced with the issues of stewardship? Stewardship is a lot like a fruit smoothie you create in your kitchen. You want ingredients that will be nutritious and taste good. As stewards will we mix the right ingredients or bad ingredients in “Life Smoothies”?

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# Life Smoothies

*(narration spoken from off stage)*

**In His infinite wisdom, God knows what is best for all of our lives—even on this sin-blighted world.**

- An individual, representing those who choose to follow God, comes out first
  - o He/she approaches a blender sitting on a table with all the ingredients measured and ready
  - o He/she holds up a poster-sized “recipe card” which says “God’s Recipe” and begins to follow it—reading out loud each “ingredient” before adding it to the blender
    - A full measure of Bible study—yum! *(spoken)*
    - Healthy prayer life—this looks good! *(spoken)*
    - Fruits of the Spirit—nothing like the taste of fresh fruit! *(spoken)*
    - Holistic stewardship to bring it all together and enhance the flavor—this is the perfect ingredient since God owns everything (my talents, my time, my money, my body) *(spoken)*

**Because of the great love He has for each of His children, He has provided us with a recipe for living a fulfilling, healthy, and taste-satisfying life.**

- The first individual has, by now, completed the smoothie and is drinking it with obvious expressions of enjoyment and satisfaction
- A second individual, representing those who choose to ignore God’s leading, now comes out
  - o He/she approaches a second blender again with all the ingredients measured and ready
  - o He/she holds up a second “recipe card” which also says “God’s Recipe”

**Sadly, far too many, of His children, want to follow their own recipe—mistakenly believing that they, and not God, know what ingredients will blend together the best**

- While the first individual is standing on one side enjoying his/her smoothie, the second individual is on the other and now starts mixing his/her smoothie



- o He/she looks disdainfully at “God’s recipe card” and as he/she reads each good ingredient out loud, he/she replaces the ingredients with unappetizing and unsavory ingredients
  - A full measure of Bible study—that sounds boring! Let’s just throw some of this in there instead—much more interesting! (*spoken*)
  - Healthy prayer life—I mean, how can you really talk to someone you can’t even see? Hmmm, I’m sure this will be a much better choice! (*spoken*)
  - Fruits of the Spirit?—what’s wrong with my own fruits?—I think I like them much better than these! (*spoken*)
  - What is this? Stewardship—everything belongs to God? Really? Well, not according to the world I live in! Stewardship—bleh! This will taste yummy without that! (*spoken*)

**Why is it so difficult for God’s children to trust that His way is always best?**

- The second individual has finished his/her smoothie and the concoction looks horrible—and tastes worse! He/she takes a sip and spits it out

**Better than any earthly father ever could, God knows what will ultimately make us, His children, the most happy—the most fulfilled. God’s recipe is always the best!**



# Audit

*(scene opens with a business man sitting at his desk—a voice, which is obviously his administrative assistant, interrupts his work)*

**Judy:** Mr. Peterson?

**Mr. Peterson:** Yes! What is it, Judy?

**Judy:** *(a little uncertainty showing in her voice)* There is a woman here who says that she needs to see you right away.

**Mr. Peterson:** *(quickly consulting his calendar)* I don't have any appointments scheduled for today and I'm really busy working on these goals and budgets for the new quarter. Can you find out who she is and try to set up an appointment for early next week?

**Judy:** *(in a loud whisper)* Uh . . . she's telling me that she's from the IRS, Mr. Peterson! She's acting as if it's pretty important!

**Mr. Peterson:** *(whispering to himself and his voice conveying shock)* The IRS???  
*(almost to himself)* What could they possibly want? *(after a little pause)* Judy, go ahead and send her back to my office.

**Angel Celeste:** *(a professional-appearing woman comes into his office and introduces herself to him)* Hello. I'm Angel Celeste. Thanks for taking a few minutes to meet with me, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** *(both taking a seat)* I must say that you have certainly succeeded in capturing my curiosity! Do you mind telling me what this is all about? Am I being audited?

**Angel Celeste:** *(half-smiling)* Well, I guess you could look at it that way.

**Mr. Peterson:** *(expressing a touch of irritation)* But that's just not possible! I've always been very meticulous about filing and paying my taxes—every single year!

**Angel Celeste:** *(with a little laugh)* Taxes?! This has nothing to do with taxes.

**Mr. Peterson:** Okay, now I'm really confused! Judy did say that you were with the IRS.



**Angel Celeste:** *(with a little chuckle)* I guess that she must have misunderstood me. I said that I was with the YRS.

**Mr. Peterson:** *(with an audible sigh)* Well, I'd be lying if I didn't tell you that I am very relieved! I don't know too many people that like to get a surprise visit from the IRS! So . . . I guess you'd better tell me just exactly what or who is the YRS?

**Angel Celeste:** No, you did not get a surprise visit from an IRS agent and I'm not here to talk to you about taxes. But you did get a surprise visit from a heavenly angel and I am here to talk to you about issues that, I assure you, are much more important than taxes! These are issues with eternal consequences! As I told you, my name is Angel Celeste. I am from the 4th Orion Legion. I sing soprano as well as 1st and 2nd tenor in the Angelic Choral Ensemble, and I am on the executive council of YRS—which stands for Yahweh's Redemptive Strategies.

**Mr. Peterson:** *(his eyes now wide open and speaking in a shocked half-whisper)* You aren't kidding are you?!

**Angel Celeste:** No, I am not! If you require proof, I am prepared and authorized to zap a little "supernatural" your direction—I could melt your filing cabinet with a wave of my hand or turn into a flaming being right in front of your eyes. Or, if you prefer, I could even flash your whole life up on the wall.

**Mr. Peterson:** No, no! Definitely not that! I'm not sure why but . . . I believe you.

**Angel Celeste:** Oh, I know why and I expected that answer from you. First of all, you are a true believer. Second of all, God's Holy Spirit got to your office a little before I did—do you happen to remember feeling that gentle breeze a little while earlier? The Spirit has already been preparing your heart for my visit.

**Mr. Peterson:** So, I guess what I really need is to know why you are here.

**Angel Celeste:** Well, the main reason is that God wants you to know that He loves you so very much! You wondered, a few minutes ago, if you were being audited. In a way, you are. God, through the agency of the YRS, is conducting an audit of your spiritual focus. However, unlike the IRS, we are not trying to get you to pay something that you owe—as I am sure that you realize, everything that you could possibly owe has already been paid and credited to your account the moment you accepted Jesus as your Savior! You have continued, since that moment, to be a follower. But, God has sent me here today with specific instruction aimed at maximizing your spiritual growth. This will not only help to prepare you to spend a glorious eternity with all of us in heaven, but will also enable you to become a more effective witnessing agent to others.



**Mr. Peterson:** What do I need to do, Angel Celeste? I really do want my spiritual life to grow! I know that it's more than just going to church every week.

**Angel Celeste:** It's really just a matter of fine-tuning your focus. Like most people on earth—especially those living here in the land of plenty—it's easy to get so preoccupied with paychecks, material acquisitions, entertainment, and even taxes. Just make God a more regular and important part of every day! Believe me when I tell you, Mr. Peterson, He wants to be so much more involved in your life than you let Him. If you do that—He promises to do the rest. Remember what it says in His word, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Make God your treasure and Heaven your dream! You really have no idea what is waiting for you! It is way beyond your imagination! This dying world simply cannot compare with the heavenly home that Jesus has bought for you with His blood! And, oh by the way, "stewardship" is not a dirty word, Mr. Peterson! Please don't see it as something that you have to do but rather as something that you get to do! It is such a key part of God's plan to maximize your spiritual growth. And, when you stop and think about it, isn't it so very cool that you get to be a partner, with God, in the exciting work of winning souls?! *(she gets up as if to leave)* Oh, and one more thing! Remember that the goal, in all of this, is to know Him—not to become an expert on eschatology or obscure theological arguments. God will bring knowledge to you—in just the right doses and in just the right timing. Trust Him always and for all things!

**Mr. Peterson:** That's it?!

**Angel Celeste:** That's it!

**Mr. Peterson:** It seems so simple.

**Angel Celeste:** It is. You only want to make it difficult!

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank-you, Angel Celeste! Are you going to fly off now with a streak of lightning and roar of thunder?

**Angel Celeste:** *(pondering a moment)* I suppose that I could. But, I think that I'll just walk downstairs and catch a bus. I have another appointment with someone who's just about to get on one right now. Good-bye, Mr. Peterson. See you again soon—and for eternity!

*(she leaves and the scene ends)*



