



## Trusted & Trustworthy – A Biblical View of Stewardship

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#### 5) It \_\_\_\_\_ the true purpose of my life.

<sup>24</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup>For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?” (Luke 9:24–25, ESV)

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