CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, November 27, 2016

OpenHanded: The Posture of a Steward

What is a steward?

*A person who manages another’s property or financial affairs; one who administers anything as the agent of another.*

What is entitlement?

*The belief that one is inherently deserving of rights, privileges, claims, or special treatment.*

Stewardship vs. entitlement

* can these attitudes co-exist?
* posture of entitlement
* posture of a steward

What does the Bible say?

“Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.” *Job 41:11 (NIV)*

Exercises to improve posture:

1. Thankfulness

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. *James 1:17 (NIV)*

2. Humility

The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you; to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:8 (NLT)*

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God … *1 Peter 5:6 (HCSB)*

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” *Matt 6:9,10 (NIV)*

“I was expecting a message on stewardship to cover what the Bible says about money …”

