

A black and white photograph of several people working together at a table, looking at and pointing to architectural blueprints. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from above, highlighting the papers and the hands of the individuals. The overall mood is professional and collaborative.

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A BetterMan Excels
at God's Work

PART 3



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SESSION 5

Our Response to Work



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A. God is the creator and sustainer of all things. Because He created all things, He owns all things.

- Since God owns everything, you own **nothing**.

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B. We begin life with our hands wide open and nothing in them. As we mature, by the grace of God, He allows certain things to be placed into our possession.

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B. The end goal in life is not a successful career that leads to a relaxing retirement. The end goal is to glorify God by loving Him and serving others.

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C. Stewardship is a cycle of **receiving** and giving, resting and working, praying and doing.



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