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What drives your understanding of life in the economy?

At this year's [Stewardship Summit](#), held at George Fox University, [Gary Hoag](#) offered the following summary chart to paint the contrast between secular and sacred views of the economy.

The Economy of this World and the Economy of God – Summary Chart

This chart depicts the vivid contrasts between the economy of this world and the economy of God as explored thus far in this paper in relation to *stewardship*, *sustainability*, and *soliciting*.

	Economy of this World	Economy of God
Stewardship	People are instructed to use resources they think they own following cultural norms or worldly financial instructions.	Stewards are instructed to use God's resources according to the radically generous Kingdom teachings of Jesus.
Sustainability	Resources are scarce. Supply is limited to man's capacity; as a result, they are hoarded and stored up for personal use.	Resources are abundant. Supply is rooted in God's unlimited beneficence; thus, they are to be enjoyed and freely shared with all.
Soliciting	Asking people for resources shows faith in them as the source. Leaders do all they can to secure support from people.	Asking God for resources shows faith in Him as the Source. Leaders call for participation with God in his work.

What are the implications of these findings for life and leadership? To answer that question, we must more deeply scrutinize *stewardship*, *sustainability*, and *soliciting* in light of the economy of God.

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