

Scoring Instructions

Step 1: Transfer your scores to the categories below.

Section A

- Question 2: ____
- Question 4: ____
- Question 7: ____
- Question 9: ____
- Question 11: ____
- Question 14: ____
- Question 17: ____
- Question 19: ____
- Question 22: ____
- Question 28: ____

TOTAL A = ____

Section B

- Question 1: ____
- Question 3: ____
- Question 6: ____
- Question 8: ____
- Question 12: ____
- Question 15: ____
- Question 18: ____
- Question 20: ____
- Question 23: ____
- Question 27: ____

TOTAL B = ____

Section C

- Question 5: ____
- Question 10: ____
- Question 13: ____
- Question 16: ____
- Question 21: ____
- Question 24: ____
- Question 25: ____
- Question 26: ____
- Question 29: ____
- Question 30: ____

TOTAL C = ____

Step 2: Compare your three totals.

Your highest score indicates your greatest growth edge—the area where you tend to be most closed-handed.

If you have a tie, consider these tie-breaker questions:

- **A vs. B:** When you imagine saying yes to something new, what feels more threatening—having your routines disrupted, or having to step up and perform?
 - **A vs. C:** What word better describes your resistance: "unavailable" or "uncertain"?
 - **B vs. C:** When you hold back, is it more often because "I'm not the one to do this" or "this would cost me too much"?
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Understanding Your Results

If Section A (TIME) is your highest score: Stewarding Your Hours

You may find that your schedule feels like your most precious possession—something to protect, optimize, and control. Closed-handedness with time often looks like over-commitment to your own priorities while feeling "too busy" for Kingdom opportunities. You might experience time scarcity even when you have margin, because you've reserved that margin primarily for yourself. You mentally calculate what you'd give up before committing, and disruptions—even for good reasons—leave you off-balance because your routines feel important to maintain.

An important distinction: This is not about the God-given need for rest, Sabbath, or time in solitude with the Lord. Healthy boundaries and rhythms of rest are essential to spiritual vitality. The question here is whether your resistance to availability comes from a place of self-protection and control, or from obedience to God's design for rest and renewal. Closed-handedness with time means hoarding margin for personal preferences while telling yourself you're "too busy" for Kingdom work—not the sacred practice of resting in God's presence.

The invitation here is to discern the difference between protective self-interest and Spirit-led rhythms. Open-handedness with time means creating space for interruption, holding your plans loosely, and recognizing that saying "yes" to God's purposes sometimes means disrupting your own preferences—while still honoring the rest and solitude God calls you to.

Reflection: Where could you create margin not just for your own preferences, but as availability for God to direct your hours toward Kingdom work? How might you discern the difference between self-protecting busyness and life-giving rest?

If Section B (TALENT) is your highest score: Stewarding Your Gifts

You may struggle to see your abilities, skills, and God-given gifts as resources meant to flow through you to others. Closed-handedness with talent often shows up as deflecting compliments, waiting to be directly asked rather than volunteering, and defaulting to "someone more qualified." You prefer behind-the-scenes roles, observe rather than engage, and avoid being put on the spot. You hesitate because you don't feel expert enough, even in areas where you have genuine experience.

This can look like humility, but it may actually be fear—of judgment, of expectations, of visibility, or of inadequacy. Or it might be a form of false humility that refuses to acknowledge the gifts God has given you. The invitation here is to recognize that your talents are not your own achievement to protect or downplay—they are graces given by God to be poured out for His purposes.

Open-handedness with talent means serving even when it's inconvenient, even when you won't be celebrated, even when you feel unqualified, and even when others might do it differently than you would. It means acknowledging your gifts honestly and stewarding them courageously for Kingdom work.

Reflection: What gift or ability has God given you that you've been withholding from Kingdom work—and what fears or attachments are keeping you from offering it? How might God be inviting you to step into using your gifts more fully?

If Section C (TREASURE) is your highest score: Stewarding Your Resources

You may find that security and certainty feel non-negotiable—you need to know what something will cost you before committing. Closed-handedness with treasure often looks like mental calculations before responding to needs, comparing what's "fair" for you to contribute, and rationalizing your current lifestyle by what you've worked hard to achieve. You're more generous when it doesn't require much adjustment, and anxiety rather than excitement dominates when you imagine being more generous. The obstacles and complications come to mind immediately when you see needs.

You think "what if this doesn't work out?" and prefer commitments with clear boundaries. You feel distant or skeptical when others are passionate about causes, and you think of what you have as something you've worked hard to build and deserve to enjoy. The invitation here is to loosen your grip on the belief that your security comes from what you can control and accumulate rather than from God's faithfulness.

Open-handedness with treasure means giving in ways that stretch you, recognizing that every resource is an opportunity to participate in God's work, and trusting that God's abundance is not limited by what you keep or release. It means believing that your security rests in God's character, not your bank account or possessions.

Reflection: What would it look like to view your money and possessions not as your safety net, but as tools entrusted to you for building God's Kingdom? Where might God be inviting you to trust Him more deeply with your resources?
