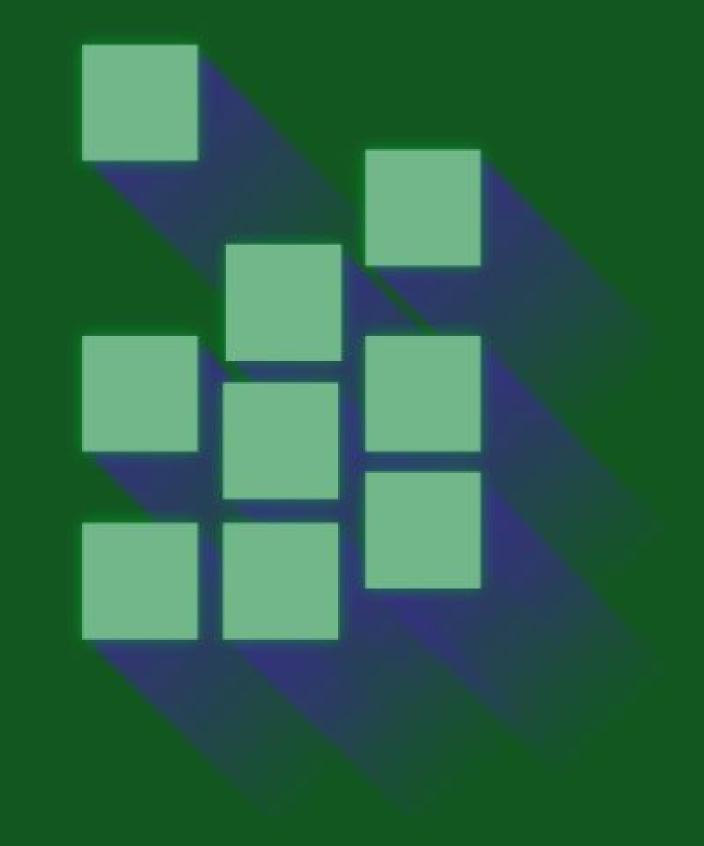


## Steward

Faithful with a trust - something we don't own, but is under our authority.

Stewards know God's plan, but stay focused on our work and attitude.

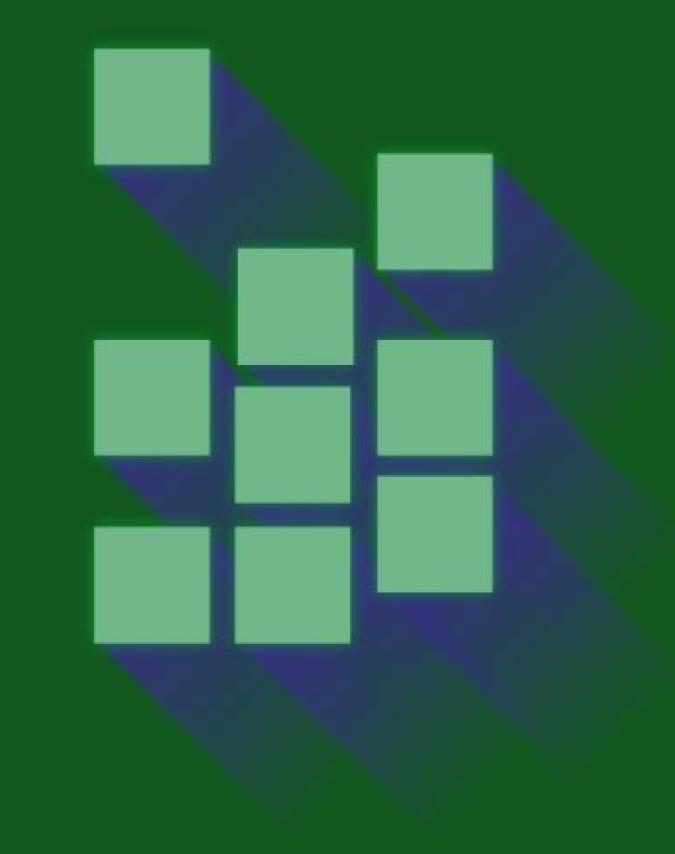


## What breaks our focus as stewards?

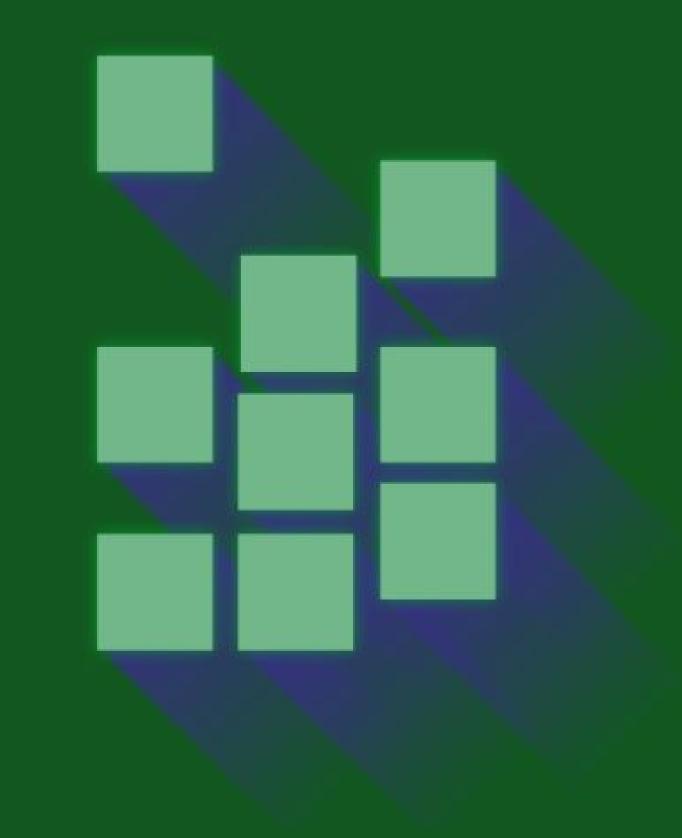
- 1. Not knowing God's real character and generosity.
- 2. Not knowing the nature of the kingdom we're a part of.
- 3. Not paying attention to God's revelation.

And

4. Not standing up to intimidation and threats.



A steward focused on his work and attitude doesn't get intimidated because he knows his identity.

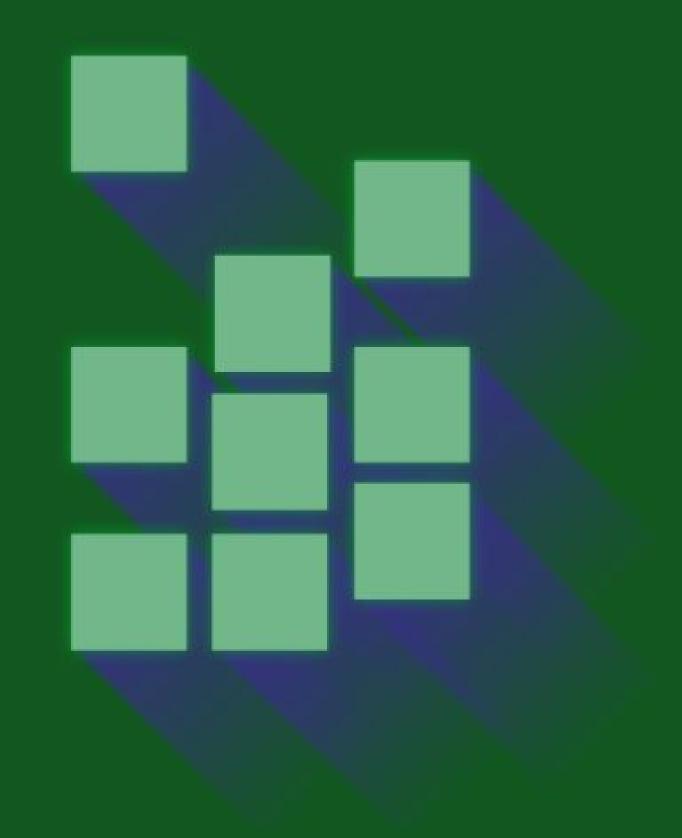


1. Intimidation comes to anyone upsetting the spiritual status quo.

-If you don't \_\_\_\_, it will cost you \_\_\_\_.

-This is the normal human response to prophets.

-It is a natural and predictable response to anyone telling the truth.



- 2. Faithful stewards do not back down in the face of intimidation.
- -Jesus is not intimidated to leave his course.
- -Jesus sees strength in moral categories.
- -Jesus already sees the triumph of his death and resurrection.
- -Jesus' disciples became fearless in the face of intimidation after his resurrection.

Fear is the root of our vulnerability to intimidation.

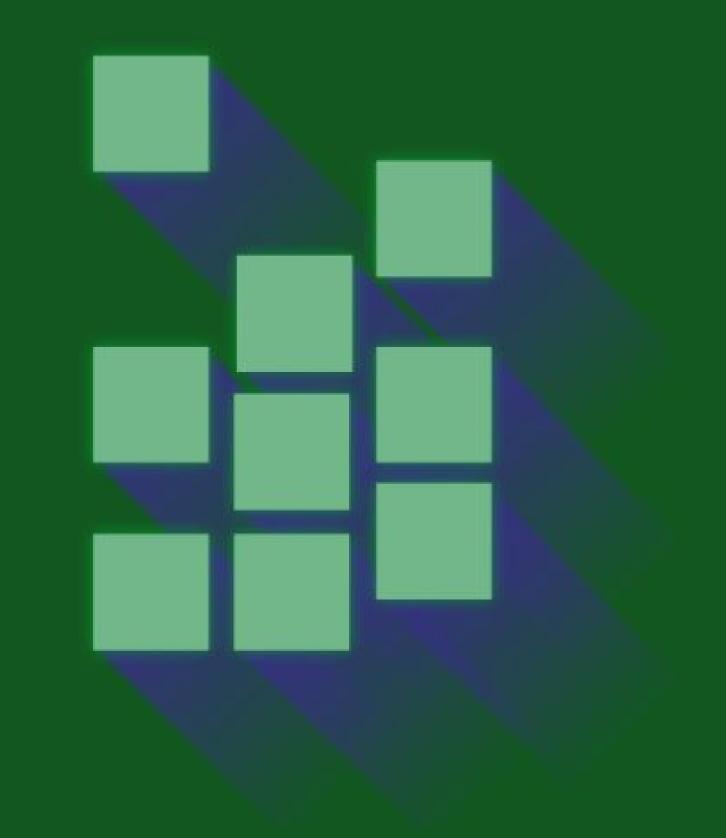
Flattery says, 'if I can see any pride in you, I can manipulate you.'

Intimidation says, 'If I can see any fear in you, I can manipulate you.'



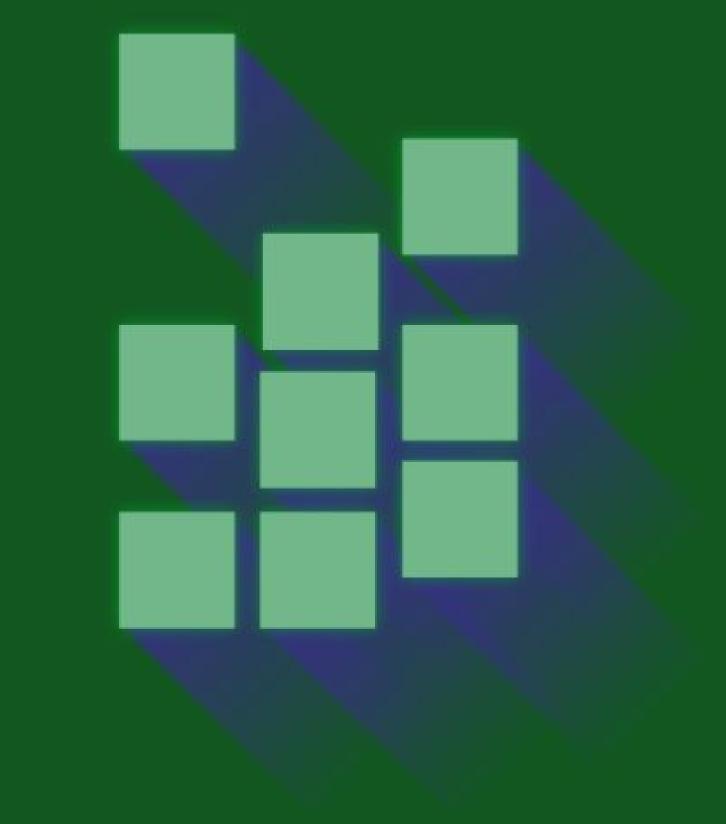
## Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



## Romans 8:29-32

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?



- 3. Intimidation should evoke compassion, not hatred in Christ's stewards.
- -The prophet: "Go tell that fox" (v. 32)
- The heart: Jesus' enemies are the object of his pity and compassion.
  - "No prophet can die outside Jerusalem!" (v. 33) "Your house is left to you desolate." (v. 35)

