



WHO'S THE OWNER

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	SCRIPT	IMAGE	DESIGN	ANIMATION
CN. O	Alan* was highly successful in his business. Gratefully recognizing God's actions on his behalf, he decided to call a lawyer and an accountant and ask them to add God as a partner in the company's documents. While trying to fulfill the request, the lawyer and the accountant soon realized how difficult it was! According to the laws of the land, a business partner must provide an ID number and an address in the country. How could they find God's ID and address?	[INT. BUSINESS OFFICE - DAY]	[Standard opening design and animation.] [INT. BUSINESS OFFICE - DAY] [Design of a business man making calls] [Design of a lawyer and accountant struggling to see what they can do]	Lettering * Not his real name [Animation: Lettering]
CN. O	One day, after returning home frustrated by the legal complications, Alan found Psalm 50:12, which reads, "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is mine, and all its fullness." Immediately, everything became clear to him. The words "the world is mine, and all its fullness" hit him as never before! Suddenly, he realized that in his distorted notion of ownership, he was still willing to be in charge, to be the owner. However, more than that, he was attempting to downgrade the actual Owner to the position of a mere partner!		[Design of a businessman walking sad and then grabbing the Bible to read. Opening on Psalms 50] [Image Suggestion: Depict an image of the businessman with God's hands subtly overlaying his business.]	

As Alan came to his knees, he felt a deep peace! He understood that, instead of being the owner, he had been given the temporary privilege to have his name on the documents of God's company! Moreover, God was simply asking Alan to manage that company on His behalf, to fulfill God's holy purposes on Earth—to reach others for eternal life!

If he would humble himself and connect with the Owner through prayer and studying His word, Allan understood that he should never worry about that company's problems anymore. God, the true Owner, would take care of every detail, not only of that company, but of his life!

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Some Christians may still believe that they can help God's cause with "their" possessions. But the opposite is true: while we are still alive God is helping each of us, constantly imparting to us possessions He has in store. Furthermore, after life ends, He places those same goods in the hands of others.

We may not always acknowledge God's ownership but that doesn't change the truth about what He is. Instead, it changes us. But if we forget that He is the Owner of all things, we will develop an "arrogant heart" and "haughty looks" (Isaiah 10:12), which will lead to a fatal separation from God.

Therefore, as a merciful reminder that He is the Owner, he asks us to regularly RETURN to Him tithes and offerings from all that belongs to Him and that He has lent us.

And we say "to return" instead of "to give", because the Bible indicates that when we bring tithes and offerings to God's storehouse, we are actually giving them back to HIM, who is the Owner of all things.

[Image Suggestion: Show a congregation in church, with hands raised in worship.]

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CN. 04	As we faithfully return tithes and promise, which is our regular and systematic offering, may we put our desires last and God first	[Image Returning Tithes and Promise in Church's envelope.]	[Standard ending design and animation.]	