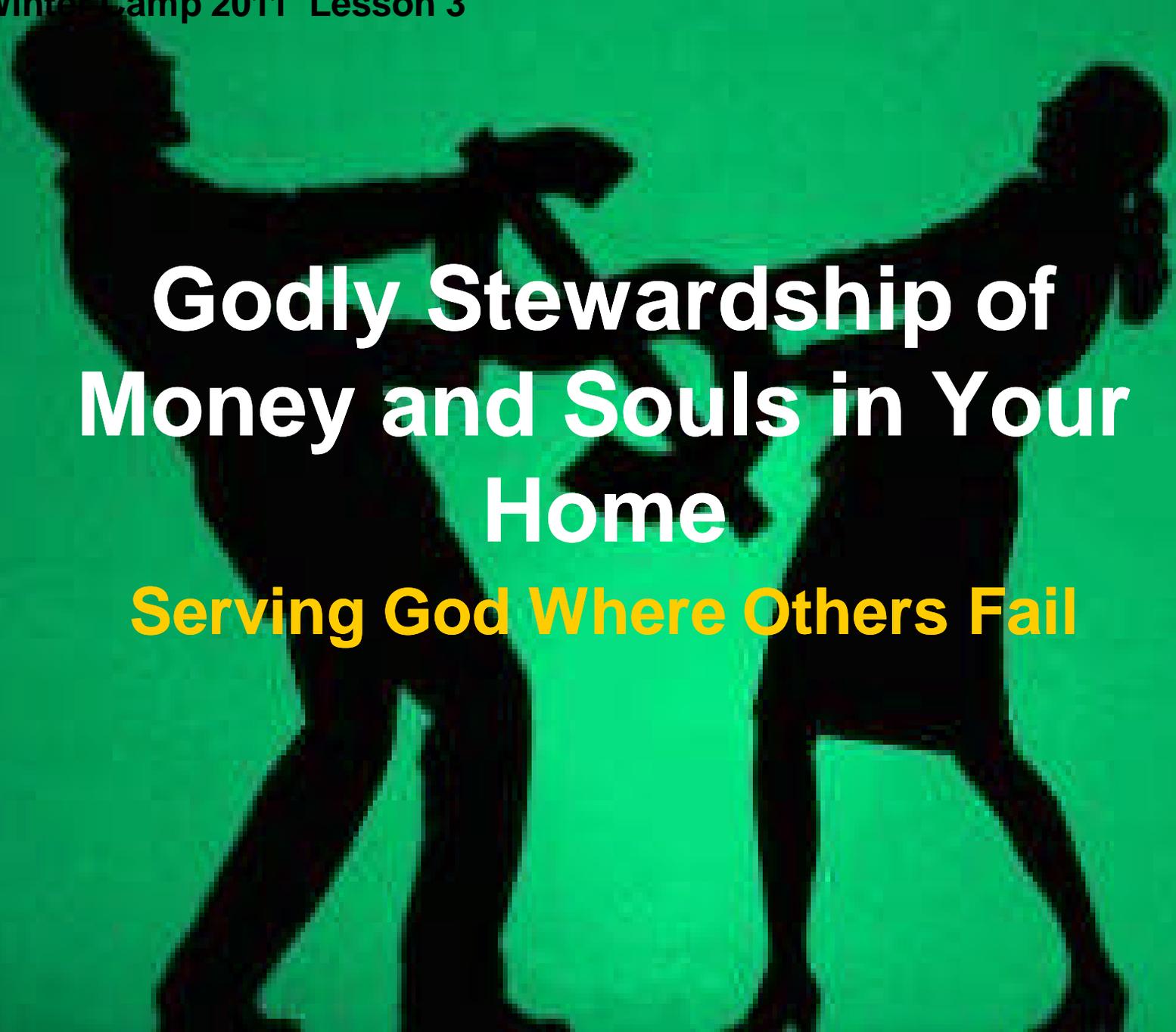


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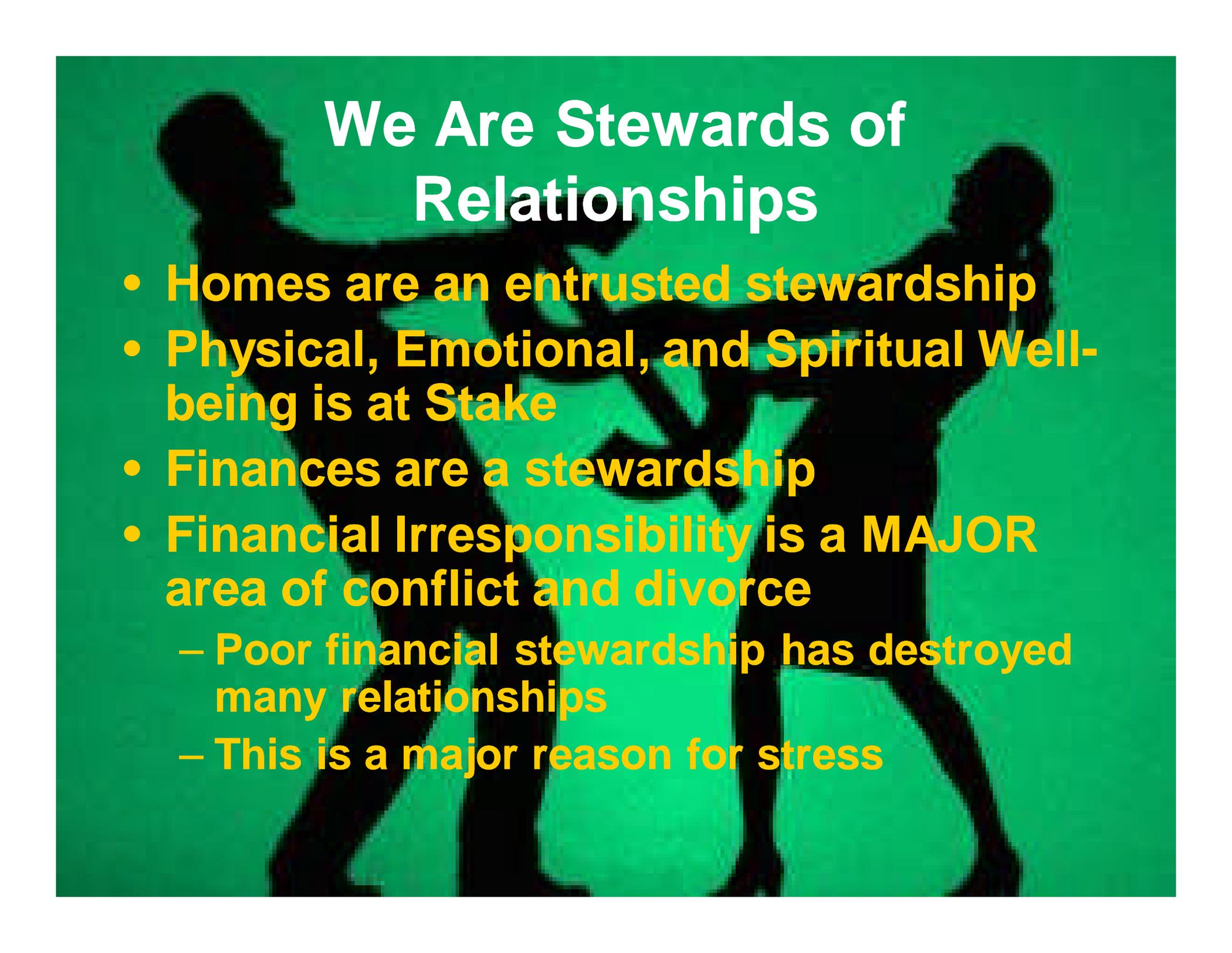


Godly Stewardship of Money and Souls in Your Home

Serving God Where Others Fail

You Are God's "Steward"

- **Def.:** -a person who manages another's property or financial affairs; one who administers anything as the agent of another or others. 2.a person who has charge of the household of another, buying or obtaining food, directing the servants, etc.
- **A steward is someone entrusted with something that belongs to another**
- **We all are entrusted with many blessings, souls under our care and influence, life, material, and spiritual things**
 - We are to take care of these things and exercise wisdom
 - We will give account of our stewardship - 1 Peter 4:10;
 - We each have something God expects us to take care of and use to improve on what we have – Matt.25:14-30
 - Elders are stewards of God's flock – Titus 1:7-9
 - We all are entrusted to use the word of God wisely -2 Cor.5:18-20



We Are Stewards of Relationships

- Homes are an entrusted stewardship
- Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Well-being is at Stake
- Finances are a stewardship
- Financial Irresponsibility is a MAJOR area of conflict and divorce
 - Poor financial stewardship has destroyed many relationships
 - This is a major reason for stress

Financial Problems Cause Stress

A silhouette of a man and a woman embracing against a green background. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. They are both wearing dark clothing. The background is a solid green color.

- **Stress Blurs Objectivity: Need an agreeable plan (budget)**
- **Stress Drains Happiness**
- **Financial Problems Can Destroy Unity (if one or both engage irresponsible patterns)**
- **Poor Stewardship Can Destroy Your Family**
- **Your Soul Is Your First Stewardship, and covetousness will make you reckless**

Good Stewardship Starts Within

- **Managing the heart and soul**
- **Enjoying the TRUE Riches First**
 - Learning to be **CONTENT** – Phil.4:14f
 - Learning principles of responsible management of income and outgo
- **Being Wise About Income and Spending**

God Has A Lot To Say About Financial Stewardship

- **Industriousness is part of wise stewardship – Consider the ant – Prov.6:6-8**
- **Establish a Financial Plan – Prov.21:5**
 - **Savings Must Exceed Debts – Prov.27:23,24; Prov.24:3,4**
 - **Debts Must Not Exceed Income**
 - **Must live within income or be industrious to increase the income to meet the needs**
 - **Covetousness can propel one into more debts – 1 Tim.6:10**
 - **Both parties in marriage must know the agreed plan and work together to keep it working for mutual good**
 - **Poor stewards destroy themselves and their families**

Accounting

- **Would God Be Pleased With Your Stewardship?**
 - **Regarding Covetousness?**
 - **Regarding the Spiritual Well-being of All In Your Family?**
 - **Regarding the Physical and Emotional Well-being of All in Your Family?**