

## The Gardener's Spoils (East of Eden Series – Part IV)

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1. Read Gen. 1:26-30. Describe the relationship between God and man in this passage. What was man supposed to eat according to verse 29?
  
2. Read Gen. 2:8-10, 15. How does this passage describe man's role?
  
3. Pastor Steve said we need to know our place and who we are. Once we do that, then our labor becomes our calling. Why does that change things?
  
4. Pastor Steve then goes on to say that whenever we work along side God, we always produce fruit. Isn't that a bit over the top, or is it possible to always produce fruit?
  
5. Pastor Steve then made the connection to stewardship, suggesting that at the point we are producing all that fruit, stewardship becomes managing all that God has given us. How is that image of stewardship different from the one we normally think of within the context of church?
  
6. The image of being "stewards" was then contrasted with being "consumers". Take a few minutes to think of words that describe a consumer and then write a similar list of words that describe a steward. Once you have the two lists, consider the implication that the two groups of words might have if applied to a person with whom you would have a close relationship.
  
7. Pastor Steve closed with a description of four disciplines that would help us move away from being consumers and toward being stewards. What were they and how did each contribute to movement toward Godly stewardship?
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  - b.

c.

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8. Read Psalm 8:1, 3-9. Does this describe a King David who has found contentment? If so, what has led him to that condition?