



FROM ADDICT TO ENTREPRENEUR: LESSONS IN STEWARDSHIP

with Rock Sandretto

▶ FOCUS VERSE

But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Luke 12:48

▶ DISCUSSION

- 1. In the very beginning, Rock talks about the importance of giving fully to God rather than “half-stepping”—giving God every part of your life, rather than holding certain parts back. (See *Romans 12:1*.)**
 - a. Are there any parts of your life you feel like you’re withholding from God right now?
 - b. Why do you think those parts are so hard to let go of?
- 2. Rock remembers a very specific turning point in his teen years when he had a “good group” of friends and another group that liked to party and do drugs—and ultimately chose the wrong path. (See *Psalm 1*.)**
 - a. Did you have different groups of friends like that when you were that age?
 - b. Did you eventually choose one over the other?
 - c. What were the consequences, good or bad, of that decision, and do some of those consequences still reverberate in your life today?



3. **When he'd finally detoxed from drugs, Rock also remembers his own parole officer telling him, "You're not going to be able to do this." (See Psalm 46:1-3.)**
- Have you ever gotten negative reinforcement like that at a time in your life when you really needed support?
 - How did you react to it—did you give in to that negativity or try to prove that person wrong?
4. **If you knew that it was a "sure thing" and you couldn't fail, what's a business venture you would love to start?**
- Why does that hold such meaning for you?
5. **In his comments on the value of mentorship, Rock says that, in addition to having the experience and wisdom of being "further along" in life than you are, a good mentor has to be someone you enjoy being with. (See 1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV.)**
- Who's someone in your life who fits both of those descriptions?
 - Are you in any kind of mentoring relationship with that person?
 - If not, what would it take to start one?
6. **Discuss Rock's statement that "Everything belongs to God, we're just stewarding it." (See Psalm 24:1, James 1:17, and 1 Peter 4:10.)**
- Does that alter your view of your own finances or willingness to give to charity?
 - What's a philanthropic cause you would give generously to if you were extremely wealthy—and what's stopping you from giving to that cause now?
7. **One of Rock's most important pieces of advice for men who feel like they're "stuck" in their lives or careers, not growing as people, is to "surround yourself with people whose regular behavior is your desired behavior." (See Proverbs 12:26 NIV.)**
- Think of a person you know—it can be a lifelong friend or someone you don't know all that well—who has a specific behavior that you admire and would like to emulate. How might you cultivate a relationship with that person and integrate that positive behavior into your own life?

