

- a. scriptural basis: stewardship passages (Matt 25); serva passages (Mk 10)
- b. in transferring my rights to God, I:
 - distinguish between rights (which I transfer to God & responsibilities (i.e. to discipline in love; to be a good employee; etc.) which I will faithfully discharge
 - acknowledge that God now owns these things & will be responsible for their protection & control
 - now view them as privileges entrusted to me to be used responsibly to advance His work & to serve others
 - understand that God will work for my good as much (often more) when these privileges are denied as when they are granted (Rom 8:28)
 - in view of the above, purpose to thank God in advance whatever the outcome
- c. expect God to test His rights (by letting the privilege be w/drawn)
- d. when this happens, our response will be the key in determining if we really transferred the rights & if we will be victorious in the relationship
 - if we are able to thank God, we have truly transferred
 - focus on the spiritual qualities God is seeking to develop in you through the situation (patience, flexibility, trust for material security, joy in midst of pain, stability, genuine servitude, etc.)
 - proper confrontation &/or discipline of the other person when appropriate (NEXT WEEK: but key to its effectiveness is this foundation)