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Even among believers this debate has become confused and divisive. Yet there are certain bible fundamentals that must be considered before approaching this discussion. If your approach is motivated by an honest desire to be a better steward of resources God has entrusted to you, I commend and agree with you. Certainly as "*The earth is the Lord's, and*

the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it" (Ps.24:1 AMP), so you and I doubtlessly share the stewardship responsibility assigned in the parable of the talents in Mt. 25. Vss.14 and 19 state, "*For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.*"

However, the primary issue is this. **Any suggestion of fear as a motivating factor unavoidably implies that God was mistaken.** The present climate of militant concern for diminishing resources and life sustaining environment directly implies that our Wise and All-knowing God, while creating our vast universe, lacked the foresight to anticipate the needs and consumption of His creation. Somehow His destiny for the earth and His Church, planned before the foundations of the earth, will be tragically aborted by His misjudging recent generations' unexpected lack of stewardship.

I agree that we each shoulder responsibility as a steward but that responsibility

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