

Speaker: Matt Magee

Series: enTRUSTed | stewards of God's good gifts

Sermon Title: The Incredible Privilege of Being EnTRUSTed with God's Resources

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

OUTLINE

1. God owns everything; we own nothing (14-15, 19, 21, 23, 28-30; Psalm 24:1).

- 1. He calls
- He entrusts
- 2. In worship and trust, be faithful over a little to be entrusted with much (16-17, 19, 20-23, 28-29).
 - 1. Stewardship begins with eagerness to be faithful (16-17).
 - 2. Worshipful stewards look forward to the day of our Master's return (19, 20-23).
 - 3. God removes stewardship from unfaithful stewards to give it to faithful stewards (28-29).
- 3. Laziness and fear in Kingdom priorities have eternally detrimental consequences (24-28a, 30).

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Thank you to those who gave feedback/questions from question #10 last week. Pastor Matt had some fruitful conversations. Let's continue seeking the Lord with our whole hearts as those who have been enTRUSTed as stewards of God's good gifts.
- 2. What has the Lord done in your heart since last week's sermon? Be as specific as you can. Are you seeing/eyeing your treasure? What have your learned about your heart/desires? Have you taken tangible steps to apply what you learned? Explain/Discuss
- 3. What does it mean to be 'entrusted' with God's gifts as discussed in the sermon?
- 4. Pastor Matt drew attention to the attitudes the first two servants had toward their master, doubling their investment.
 - 1. What was Jesus' response to them in verses 21 & 23, 28?
- 5. What was Jesus' response to the unfaithful servant in 24-28, 30?
 - 1. What are some fears you might have about using your gifts for God, and how can you overcome them?

- 6. Whose money do we use to give to Oak Grove, pay our bills, enjoy hobbies / entertainment, buy gifts, and give to charities? How would it impact our lives if we believed nothing we have is ours and it's all really God's?
- 7. What work are you noticing the Lord doing in your thinking, believing, and actions in as you consider "The Incredible Privilege of Being enTRUSTed with God's Resources?" While your actions reveal what you believe and how you think about God and His resources, pay most attention to what the Lord is doing in your heart
- 8. What would most help your group as Pastor Matt continues in this series? Leaders, communicate this with Pastor Matt.

Closing prayer: Father, we recognize you as Creator and Ruler of the heavens and the earth and everything in them. Help us to view everything we have as yours and to trust you to take care of us as we walk in faith as wholehearted followers of Christ.