

Becoming Series
Week 4 outline
Matthew 7:13-29
1.30.22

BECOMING GREAT STEWARDS OF
6 Strategies for Stewarding Priority

I. GREAT STEWARDS STAY CENTERED IN CHRIST

Principle 1: The Gate is Small and the Way is Narrow (Mt 7:13-14)

A. The Great Big and Very Wide Enemies of Stewardship...

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| 1. Arrogance | 4. Comfortability |
| 2. Suspicion | 5. Convenience |
| 3. Predictability | 6. Hurriedness |

"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE IS NOT WHAT YOU DO, IT IS WHO YOU BECOME. THAT'S WHAT YOU WILL TAKE INTO ETERNITY" -Dallas Willard

B. The Gate has been Opened and the Way has been Cleared

1. John 10:9

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

2. John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

II. GREAT STEWARDS KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING

Principle 2: The Fruit Always Reveals the Tree (Mt 7:15-23)

A. Our TRUE PRIORITIES are revealed in our actions not by our words

-Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

B. The ONE PRIORITY according to Jesus (Mk 12:28-34)

- Love God with all you are
- Love your neighbor as yourself

III. GREAT STEWARDS PUT GOD'S WORD INTO PRACTICE

Principle 3: Houses that Last are Built With Strong Foundations (Mt 7: 24-27)

6 Strategies for Stewarding our Priority as followers of Jesus
(ways to put God's word into practice)

1. Start with Prayer

-Stewardship punches pride in the mouth and prayer is always the muscle

2. Team Up

-Stewardship realizes the power of partnership and moves towards community rather than comfort

3. Embrace Change

-Stewardship creates the margin that allows for interruption, correction, and reflection in our stories

4. Meet People Where they Are

-Stewardship moves toward relationship in ways that illustrate Jesus in the real world around us.

5. Give up your Seat

-Stewardship considers others to be more important than ourselves.

6. Replicate Yourself

-Stewardship understands the temporary nature of leadership and learns to equip others

6 STRATEGIES for STEWARDSHIP our PRIORITIES

