

Becoming Series
Week 5 outline
Matthew 25:14-30
2.6.22

BECOMING GREAT STEWARDS OF OUR RESOURCES

I. **A Hope to Remember** (Matthew 25:14)

A. You are called by God

- by God the creator of heaven and earth, who is a Father who loves you
- by the King of all Kings, and the Lord of all Lords: Jesus Christ
- by the power of a Helper and Advocate, the Holy Spirit

B. You are called to a life to the full

- With a new identity: in Christ
- With a new belonging: in the family of God
- With a new purpose: in His kingdom for His glory

C. You live in between the already, and not yet.

- in a world searching for the very life Jesus offers

Proverbs 29:18 (NASB) *"Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is one who keeps the Law."*

Our vision is both clear and necessary:
WE ARE BECOMING A FORCE FOR TRANSFORMATION
BRINGING LIFE TO THE FULL TO ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

OUR HOPE TO REMEMBER: WE ARE CALLED

II. **A Truth To Hear** (Matthew 25:14-15)

A. *"to one 5, to one 2, and still another 1"*

- each according to his own ability

YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO GOD'S PURPOSE
AND ENTRUSTED ACCORDING TO YOUR ABILITIES

B. We have been entrusted by God, the very Giver of life itself.

- How will we invest it?

Galatians 2:20 *"I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me"*

OUR TRUTH TO HEAR: TO THOSE WHOM GOD CALLS, HE ALSO ENTRUSTS

III. The Challenge to Accept (Matthew 25:16-23)

A. Great stewards live at the crossroads of strong faith and hard work

- "so he went at once"

ONE VISION, 4 BRANCHES:

-HEART: The formation of a highly qualified and Christ-centered counseling resource

-SOUL: The development of a thriving Gospel-centered church community: the body of Christ growing deep and wide

-MIND: The equipping of ministers in the marketplace: empowered and mobilized followers of Jesus serving in the world of business and commerce

-STRENGTH: The creation of a premier health and wellness center providing excellent opportunities to strengthen the whole family

- "And put his money to work"

B. Well done, good and faithful servant! (Matthew 25:19-23)

- You have been faithful with a few things, I will make you in charge of many things

- Come, share in your master's happiness!

GOD IS NOT STINGY WITH HIS RESOURCES, OR HIS HAPPINESS;
WE STEWARD OUT OF HIS ABUNDANCE, NOT HIS SCARCITY

IV. A Warning to Heed (Matthew 25:24-30)

A. When we misperceive the character of God, we cripple our ability to steward with goodness and faithfulness

B. Misperception leads to mistrust, mistrust leads to fear, fear leads to bad stewardship

FEAR DEVASTATES GOOD STEWARDSHIP

- What resources are we stewarding today that will help move us towards our vision for tomorrow?

- What loaves and fishes do I have right now that can be used to bring life to the full in my world?

- What does loving God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength look like not just corporately but also personally?

V. A Party to Throw (Hebrews 13:20-21)

"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."