

Water of Life Community Church

LIVING BEYOND BLESSED

WEEK 3

MATTHEW 25:14-30

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Being good stewards means we know when we give with a right heart that God will bless it. God also blesses us when we operate our finances based on Biblical standards. When you yield your journey to God, everything, He is the Journey Lord, the Relationship Lord, the Finance Lord, the Employment Lord, the Ministry Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ MATTHEW 25:14-30.

- a. Talents in this parable are not abilities; a talent in this context is a sum of money. This lord was giving his servants an opportunity. What opportunities is God giving to you?
- b. Were the “stewards” under pressure? Only one hid the money. He did not understand the heart of his master. Why?
- c. Fear drove the servant who hid his money. Do you sometimes have fear over how you spend your money? Why?
- d. Read Matthew 25:29. What is the promise here for us? How does this inspire you to use your money well?

2. READ PSALM 50:10-12.

- a. Everything belongs to God, nothing belongs to us. God has appointed us as stewards; where is your heart concerning your belongings? Why?
- b. Pastor reminds us that the Garden was a stewardship. However, the serpent tempted Eve and Adam with the idea that they could own themselves. How do we still yield to that temptation?
- c. When we discover that God owns everything, we transition from owner to steward. Why is this transition for our benefit?

3. READ LUKE 12:18-21.

- a. How was the man in this story foolish? What did he do wrong?
- b. The foolish man's goods will be given to someone else when he is gone. What could he have done differently? How would that be different from the outcome he had?
- c. God judges us by what He has given us. What opportunities do you think God is giving you? Are you looking for them?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Ask God to show you what opportunities He is giving you. What will you do with them?
 - What other opportunities has God placed in front of you?
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GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Take some time this week and talk to God about all He has given you, and how you can be a good steward of His money and His things.

RESPOND

- What is one way you can begin using what God has entrusted to you for Him?

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MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 25:21

"His Master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in your master's happiness!'"

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