

Message Notes

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FAMILY VALUES

Living as God's Stewards

Matthew 25:14-30

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Our 9 Family Values

■ We value the Bible.

Because it is God's unchanging Word to us, we seek to submit to His life-giving teaching & authority in every area of our lives, even when it's painful. *Psalm 119:105; Matthew 4:4; John 8:31-32; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:2; Hebrews 4:12*

■ We value living as God's stewards.

Because everything we have belongs to the LORD, we seek to generously give Him our whole lives, and manage well the money, possessions, time, bodies, jobs & relationships He's entrusted to us. *Psalm 24:1; Matthew 25:21; Luke 12:48b; 1 Corinthians 4:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:6-12*

■ We value right relationships.

Because God took the costly initiative to make us right with Him, and because wrong relationships block His Holy Spirit, we seek to be right with others, to build a sense of family and to be a caring community. *Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-18; Mark 11:25; Romans 12:18; Ephesians 3:14-15; 4:2-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Hebrews 12:14-15*

■ We value authenticity.

Because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble, we seek to humbly and transparently represent Christ in all we do and say. *Matthew 23:5-26; Ephesians 5:8-17; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 5:5-6; 1 John 1:5-10*

■ We value excellence.

Because God gave His best for us, we seek to give Him our best, for excellence honors God & inspires people. *Ecc 9:10; 2Cor 8:9; 9:15; Col 3:23; 2Tim 2:15*

■ We value spiritual hunger.

Because we want to be followers of Jesus who never lose the desire to love & worship Him wholeheartedly and know Him better. *Psalm 63:1-8; Matthew 5:6; Mark 12:30; John 14:21-24; Ephesians 1:17-19; 1 Peter 2:2-3*

■ We value every person serving.

Because Jesus didn't come to be served but to serve, and He's given every believer spiritual gifts to glorify God & edify others, we want to give our lives away in His name. *Mk 10:42-45; Jn 13:12-17; 1Cor 12:1-31; Eph 4:11-16; Rom 12:3-8; 1Pet 4:10*

■ We value those still on the way with Jesus.

Because we're called to be His witnesses in this world, we want to lovingly "show and tell" the gospel of Jesus. *Matthew 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Luke 19:10; Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15-16; 2 Peter 3:9*

■ We value prayer.

Because prayer is a primary way God works in and through His people, we want to continuously & expectantly call on the name of the LORD. *Jeremiah 33:3; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 3:14-21; 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thess 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-4*

◆ By _____ our values, we can _____ them more _____.

◆ Stewardship is a new _____ that leads to _____. (1 Pet 4:10)

A New Mindset

◆ Steward: someone who looks after _____ person's _____.

◆ As Christians, _____ we have & are _____ to the _____.

It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. **Matthew 25:14**

◆ The mindset: _____ is a _____, _____ is the reality.

◆ God _____ us with _____ resources! (Lk 19:11-26; 20:9-19; 1 Cor 4:2)

That Leads to Action

◆ God expects us to _____ what He has _____ us for His _____.

After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. **Matthew 25:19**

◆ A _____ awaits those who used God's resources _____. (2 Co 5:10)

His master replied, "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 your master's happiness!" **Matthew 25:21**

◆ God experiences _____ when we _____ our lives. (Gen 4:3-5)

◆ Jesus is preparing a place _____ us _____ preparing _____ for that place!

◆ The 3rd servant didn't really _____ or _____ his master. (Mt 25:24)

◆ What _____ of my life do I need to start stewarding more _____?

◆ AREA:

◆ What _____ do I need to take to _____ living as God's steward?

◆ ACTION: