

“STEWARDSHIP: IT’S A MATTER OF TRUST”

“Can He Trust You?”

“The Tragedy of a Wasted Opportunity”

(Matthew 25:14-30)

INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW:



- TAKE A PERSONAL INVENTORY OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP.
- RECOGNIZED GOD AS THE SOURCE OF EVERYTHING.
- UNDERSTAND GOD’S PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP.
- SURRENDER EVERYTHING TO GOD.
- TEST AND TRUST GOD’S PROMISES THROUGH OBEDIENCE.

REVIEW: LAST WEEK - YOU CAN TRUST HIM! (ROMANS 8:26-39)

HIS GIFTS ARE GENEROUS.

HIS CARE IS CONSTANT.

HIS PLAN IS PERFECT.

NEW: CAN HE TRUST YOU? (MATTHEW 25:14-30)

1A. THE PARABLE: THE STORY OF A WASTED OPPORTUNITY

The Larger Context: The Privately delivered Olivet Discourse of Matthew 24-25 in response to the Questions of the Disciples (24:-3).

1B. The _____ of the Master’s _____. (v. 14, 15)

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.”

[Departure v. 15b]

2B. The _____ of the Slaves’ _____. (v. 16-18)

“To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.”

[Delay v. 19a]

3B. The _____ of _____. (v. 19-30)

“Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.”

2A. THE PRINCIPLES: TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR OPPORTUNITY

1B. For all men, life is _____.

2B. God is the _____, I am the _____.

3B. God has _____ to us ("placed in our hands") the resources and opportunities which we now experience. He has done so in harmony with his _____ of our ability and with the _____ that we will faithfully discharge our responsibility.

4B. I will give an _____ of my stewardship.

"So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God."

—Romans 14:14

5B. I will be _____ on the basis of my _____ in the discharge of my stewardship responsibility.

6B. While my _____ will have a great _____ on my stewardship, it can never be an _____ for my irresponsibility.

7B. While the Master _____ his return, the servant must not _____ his responsibility.

CONCLUSION: