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2-WEEK DEVO

with Reading Plan





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First and Best

1
WEEK

DAILY READINGS

SUN Exodus 13:1-16
MON Matthew 6:19-34
TUE Colossians 1:15-23
WED Colossians 3:1-17
THU Malachi 3:6-12
FRI 1 Timothy 6:1-10
SAT Romans 12:1-21

STARTER QUESTION

What is the most valuable thing someone has ever trusted you with?
How did it go?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What is the difference between being an owner and being a steward?
- 2 What are the benefits and disadvantages of being an owner or a steward?
- 3 Do you feel like you treat some things you have more like an owner or a steward? If so, why do you think you react that way?
- 4 What role does being in control play in the stewardship/ownership conversation?
- 5 What does it mean to be a steward of our children? How might that change how we raise them?
- 6 Read Exodus 23:19 - What do you think it would look like to give God your first and best? What scares you about taking a step like that?
- 7 Read Matthew 6:33 - What does it look like to seek God's kingdom, particularly in the area of stewardship?
- 8 Read Proverbs 3:9-10 - How might it change your perspective to look at stewardship of your time, children, job, spouse, money, influence, etc., as an act of worship?
- 9 Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 - How does contentment influence our ability to see everything God has entrusted to us as stewardship and worship?
- 10 Do you agree with the following statement? Why or why not? "Understanding and living as a steward is central to healthy discipleship?"
- 11 What keeps you from being a steward?

APPLICATION

Being a steward of time might be the most important area we need to change our perspective from owner to steward.

This week take 2-5 minutes, 2-3 times each day to sit in silence before the Lord, for the sole purpose of being in His presence.

STARTER QUESTION

What do you hope you will be known for after you have died?
What do you want your tombstone to say?

DAILY READINGS

SUN Matthew 25:14-30

MON 1 Peter 4:1-11

TUE 1 Timothy 5:1-25

WED Colossians 3:18-25

THU 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

FRI Luke 16:1-13

SAT Matthew 6:19-24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 What are your biggest responsibilities in your life right now?

2 Have you given much thought to what happens to the ones you love if you die sooner than you expect?

3 On a scale of 1-10, (10 being extremely prepared and 1 being no plan at all), how prepared are you for the following life circumstances...

___ Car problems

___ Helping your children with their future

___ Your will

___ Big medical expenses/emergencies

4 How would you rate the use of your time in the following areas? (5 = Good, 1 = Bad)

___ Rest

___ Kids

___ Sabbath

___ Service

___ Time with God

___ Prayer

___ Time with spouse

5 How would you rate the use of your talents, (God given abilities and giftings) for the advancement of His Kingdom?

6 Are you serving? Why or why not? Do you know your spiritual gifts? Are you using them?

7 Rate how you are doing in terms of legacy? Do you feel like you are making a kingdom impact?

8 How do you feel you are doing at passing along Biblical values to your children?

9 If today, you faced Jesus and he asked you what you have done with the time, talents, and treasures he has trusted you with, how would you respond?

10 Read Matthew 25:14-30 - Which of the three servants do you most identify with and why? What steps could you take to be a better steward of your time, talents and treasures, even this week?

11 Do you agree with the following statement? Why or why not? "Being a great steward is a major key to leaving a Godly legacy."

APPLICATION

Take some time to list your time, talents, and treasures. Don't forget things like your spiritual gifts, your influences, your children, etc. Once you have the list, write down one or two things you could do to be more responsible with what God has entrusted to you. Here are a couple of examples... (continued on back)

TREASURES

- Begin to tithe if I don't already.
- Start to build a \$5000 savings account so I can use that for emergencies instead of credit cards.
- Start aggressively paying down debt.
- Take Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class this fall.

TALENTS

- Take the First Steps Class at Jacob's Well to learn my spiritual gifts and where I can serve.
- Use an ability I have to help a neighbor (fixing a car, mowing their lawn, plumbing, etc.)
- Do my neighbor's taxes.
- Find a ministry to serve in.

TIME

- Take 30 minutes each day to play with my son/daughter.
- Institute a family devotional a couple times a week.
- Reserve time each day to be with Jesus.

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