
❖ **SERMON NOTES** ❖

Sunday, January 3, 2016

“ENTRUSTED”

(Matthew 25:14-30)

Today we begin a new series – *ENTRUSTED*. All that we have and all that we are comes to us from the gracious hand of God. As we begin the new year, what are you doing with the life God has entrusted to you?

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2, NIV).

(a) _____ . **Romans 12:1**

(b) _____ . **Luke 14:33**

(c) _____ . **Ephesians 5:15-17**

(d) _____ . **1Peter 4:10**

(e) _____ . **1 Thessalonians 2:4**

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“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously” (2 Corinthians 9:6, NIV).

“Each of us will give an account of himself to God” (Romans 14:12, ESV).

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2, NIV).

(a) Ourselves . Romans 12:1

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1, ESV).

(b) Possessions . Luke 14:33

“So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own” (Luke 14:33, NLT).

(c) Time . Ephesians 5:15-17

“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do” (Ephesians 5:15-17, NLT).

(d) Our Gifts . 1Peter 4:10

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other” (1 Peter 4:10, TLB).

(e) The Gospel . 1 Thessalonians 2:4

“We have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts” (1 Thessalonians 2:4, ESV).

1. LIFE IS A TEST.

“If you’re honest in small things, you’ll be honest in big things; If you’re a crook in small things, you’ll be a crook in big things” (Luke 16:10, The Message).

2. LIFE IS A TRUST.

“The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein” (Psalm 24:1, ESV).

“And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?” (Luke 16:11, NLT).

3. LIFE IS A TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT.

“Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is” (Psalm 39:4, NLT).

“Enter into the joy of your master” (Matthew 25:21 and 23, ESV).

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3:9, ESV).

“He has put eternity into man’s heart” (Ecclesiastes 3:11, ESV).