|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **SERIES** | Sermon Series Title**WHAT HAPPENS** |
| **BIBLE** | Scripture Section Main text on Stewardship Luke 16:10-12, on hard work Proverbs 6:6-11 |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | Sermon Title/Topic**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PLAN AND PREPARE: LEARNING TO BE GODLY STEWARDS** |
| **OVERVIEW** | How did your last annual review go at work? If you were trustworthy, hard-working, a team player, and advanced the cause of your company, the outcome was probably great! But if you struggle to show up on time, tend to take to many breaks, can’t get along with co-workers and are known as a complainer… probably wasn’t a great day. Did you know being a disciple of Jesus also involves a review? Jesus spoke a great deal about how we, after receiving the free gift of His salvation, should work for Him. He has entrusted us with wealth and resources and He calls us to manage them for His glory. How are you doing as a steward? Let’s look at God’s Word to learn how you can plan and prepare to please Jesus in this way! |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | Topical: **God is the Creator, Ruler, and Owner of all. (I Chronicles 29: 10-12; Psalm 50:9-12)****Godly stewards prove trustworthy with God’s resources. (Luke 16:10-12)****Stewards = Servants of God entrusted with His wealth, to be managed for His purposes and glory.**(10) Being trustworthy with little is prerequisite for being trusted with much. (11) Being trustworthy w material wealth is prerequisite for being trusted w eternal riches. (12) Trustworthy stewardship is a prerequisite for ownership.**Godly stewards are wise and diligent – not hasty or lazy - with God’s resources. (Proverbs 6: 6-11)*** Be like the Ant – self disciplined, hard working at right times, wise, thriving
* Not like the sluggard – always sleeping, seeking extra rest, lazy, becomes poor in a flash

**Godly stewards will save for the future, for the blessing of their family. (Proverbs 13:11, 22)****Application:**Create and Live by a Spending Plan (BUDGET) – * Evaluate: Honestly track and evaluate spending. Remove unwise/ungodly spending
* Create: Prioritize God’s will for your spending plan (generosity, meeting needs, saving)
* Dedicate: Be disciplined to track your progress. Avoid laziness and foolish distractions.
 |
| **GOSPEL** | How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel? Like we started with – What have you done with what has been given to you? Almighty God loves you, even despite your sin. Your sin separates you from God and has brought on you the punishment of death – eternity in hell. But God gave Jesus as a substitute. Jesus came to pay the penalty, to ransom you from the sentence you deserved to pay. Jesus died for your sins, was buried, and 3 days later rose again from the dead. Now He offers you a part in His new life, His forgiveness, His purpose, His power. He calls us to repent of our sin and our way and receive His free gift. And as we receive by faith we become stewards of salvation. We are to live the rest of our lives trusting Jesus, obeying Jesus, living for Jesus. Come and receive His gift today and start your journey of stewarding God’s treasure of salvation.  |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | DiscipleBEGIN by receiving the gospel treasure, and living as a steward of salvation.GROW by learning how to be a godly steward. Join Financial Peace University, or stewardship clinic, etc. Find encouragement and accountability to grow in this area. |