

# SERMON OUTLINE

THE GREAT INVITATION

MATTHEW 25:14-30

MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

## Three Principles of Stewardship

### I. God owns it all: vs. 14-15

- “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” – Psalm 24:1 NIV
- “Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.” – 1 Chronicles 29:12

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.” – C.S. Lewis

### II. The target of stewardship is faithfulness: vs. 16-23

- “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.” – Luke 12:48b

### III. Faithful stewardship results in joy: vs. 21, 23

### IV. Call to Action

- Increase engagement
- Commit to give

**BENEDICTION:** “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work...11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” – 2 Corinthians 9:6-8,11