



SERMON NOTES

Imagine

Part VI: Hickory, Dickory, Dock

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Stewardship Definition – Everything we have belongs to God. We should manage God’s stuff God’s Way and for God’s glory!

Psalm 39:4-5

4 “Show me, O LORD, my life’s end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. 5 You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man’s life is but a breath.”

Daniel 6:6-14

6 “So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and said: “O King Darius, live forever! 7 The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. 8 Now, O king, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered--in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” 9 So King Darius put the decree in writing. 10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. 11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. 12 So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions’ den?” The king answered, “The decree stands--in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” 13 Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” 14 When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.”

Matthew 7:13-14

13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

Budget // Schedule

A schedule is a budget for your time.

Our tendency is to choose popular standards and activities instead of the habits that lead to holiness.

Normal people allow their lives to be dictated by whatever comes up. Good stewards create a budget for their time that accomplishes all they need to and have some left over to invest in Kingdom Moments.

Being Present // Spending vs. Investing.

Ephesians 5:15-16

15 "Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

Normal people spend time. Good stewards invest time.

As stewards of our time we must make sure that we are not wasting time by staring at a screen but that everything is done with purpose, on purpose and for a purpose that produces a profit.

Sabbath

Genesis 2:2

2 "By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."

Matthew 11:28-30

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Normal people treat every day the same. Good stewards understand that what they do with one day will determine the results of the other.