

VALUES & VISION SERIES:

Intentional Generosity

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Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,^[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.' ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

²⁸ "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

What is Intentional Generosity?

"Every person has a purpose—found in Jesus and expressed through making a meaningful difference in the world. At Home Church, we are intentional about empowering people in their journey with God so they can fully live out their purpose in Christ. This includes creating ministry opportunities, offering skill development, and providing prayerful support as individuals seek discernment, clarity, and confidence in the unique calling Jesus has placed on their lives. We are not a consumer church or a Sunday-centric church. **We are a church committed to generosity with our time, talents, and treasures, developing each person's call to serve the needs of our church, neighbourhood, city, and world.**"

Time – Being Faithful with Opportunities

Ephesians 5:15-16 - "Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

Time is a gift to be invested, not to waste.

Talents – Using our Gifts and Abilities

1 Peter 4:10 - "Use whatever gift you have received to serve others."

Talent is a gift for kingdom impact, not to waste.

Treasures – Stewarding Resources Generously

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Treasure is a gift to be stewarded well, not to waste.

Reflection Questions:

1. How have I seen intentional generosity lead to kingdom impact?
2. Where am I wasting time, talent, or treasures, that I could give back to God?
3. How can I be more intentional and generous moving forward?

WELCOME TO HOME CHURCH!

Thank you for attending HOME Church. If you are searching for a church to call HOME, feel free to connect with us. Details are on our website at www.ourhomechurch.ca.

HOME Groups. Our small groups are the primary and ongoing care, ministry at HOME Church. HOME groups are opportunities to join like-minded friends and church family members journeying with Jesus. Details can be found on our website or by contacting one of our pastors.

Young Adult Coffee + Connect (September 21) at 10:30am. For more details, please contact Pastor Elyse.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support towards the mission + vision of HOME Church. Giving details are at www.ourhomechurch.ca. Please make cheques out to "HOME Church". Thank you!

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