

Pretext/Synopsis

Life can get messy. Our time, money and relationships can get so complicated that we can feel like our lives are out of control. This series will work us through God's way of stewarding and prioritising the different areas of our lives, and when we live God's way, we're blessed!

Key Scriptures

Eph 5:15-17	NLT	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.
Matt 6:33	NLT	Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
Luke 19:26	NLT	"'Yes,' the king replied, 'and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

Sermon Topics

Date	Preacher	Title/Topic	Thoughts/Main Points
		Overview	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Show the youth that we are all "messes" - in need of a better way to manage our lives.- Give an overview of Biblical principles that the rest of the series can build on. <p>Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- We are all messed up but God can turn it around and use it to touch our generation.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- E.g. Peter had a great leadership gifting but messed it up with his impatience, and God used him to lead the NT church.- E.g. Moses had a great heart for people but almost killed himself trying to solve all their problems on his own. God gave him godly advice so he could minister more effectively.- We need God to show us how to live in a way that will impact a generation!<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Our lives are a seed that has the potential to grow and bear fruit if we remain in Christ!- John 15- We choose how we build our lives such that it brings eternal blessings!- 1 Cor 3- Biblical principles to manage so God can turn our mess into something that can prosper our generation

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MY MESS + GOD'S BLESS = SUCCESS - God can only bless it if He's in control! - Matthew 6:33 - Knowing the times and seasons (1 Chron 12:32)
		Time	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach the youth principles and practical tools to manage their time. <p>Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everyone has the same amount of time, but we can use it very differently. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God put time into place and said it is "good" (Gen 1:3). - 24 hours a day is a perfect amount of time. - The key is not what you can handle, but what you will give your time to. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It's a priority issue. - For something to be added to your life, something else has to go! - E.g. Someone spending 1.5 hours a day on Instagram, can use the same amount of time to run a connect group and disciple 4 people a week! - The problem is whether we put thought into how we spend the time we have. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "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." Eph 5:15-17 - Our time has been given to us by God! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When we do what He wants us to do with it, we will be blessed! - Practical tools to manage time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make time to plan time. - Be realistic. - Give up some things so better things can come.
		Money	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach the youth how to manage their money. - Help the youth to receive a heart for the kingdom of God. - Commit not to be driven by money. <p>Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God doesn't have anything against money, but we

			<p>are not to be ruled by money!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matt 6:24 - "Own your things. Don't let the desire for things own you." - Joey Bonifacio - How we use our money is a reflection of our hearts! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matt 6:21 - What are we spending most of our money on? - When we genuinely want God's kingdom to advance, we will want to give to it! - The Bible teaches us to honor God with how we use our money. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We tithe to the Lord first so that our finances are blessed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tithing means giving to God what belongs to Him - acknowledging our stewardship. - We don't own what we are given, but are only managers. - Tithing means giving to God before we know if we will have enough - acknowledging our trust in God. - We give over and above our tithes because only that which is shared can be multiplied. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luke 9:12-17 - The disciples could have chosen to eat the bread and fish themselves. - They had to give it away for it to multiply! - Finances above the tithe must be shared for them to multiply.
		<p>Gifts</p>	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Show the youth they can take active steps to develop their giftings. <p>Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God has given gifts to His church! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Corinthians 12 - The gifts are meant for the church - not for us to become super-Christians. - Parable of the talents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The problem with the third servant wasn't just that he hid his talent. - He didn't put in any effort to grow the talent given to him. - The master called him "wicked"! - Some of the supernatural giftings God has given us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prophecy - Teaching

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Miracles - Healing - Helping others - Leadership - Some of the natural giftings God has given us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design - Music - Communicating - Leadership - Instigating/Being fun - Practical ways to grow your giftings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify your gifting. - Do something (even if you don't know what your gifting is!) - Give your gifting away to others. - Possible to give out the Giftings questionnaire and have everyone do it?
		Consolidation	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach why we are so focused on consolidation. - Ask God, as a youth ministry and individually, for a heart of stewardship for the souls He has given us. <p>Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All of us play a part in building God's house. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This house is made of people. - 1 Cor 3:6-15 - We become responsible to build their lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ. - If we see the end-goal as just salvation, we are abandoning them to a life of sin again (2 Peter 2:22). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The end-goal is for these salvations to become disciples who would win others to Christ - to make them builders too! - There is a battle for these salvations! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urgency: we need to recognise the enemy is also working against them becoming disciples. - Importance: we need to prioritise drawing these salvations in to become disciples. - Reward: God saves us by our faith but rewards us based on our actions. - Matt 28:19-20 The Great Commission says to make <u>disciples</u>.

Other Discussion Notes

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- Time (from Ps Nate Schatzline’s sermon)
 - Eph 5:15
God attributes thoughtless living with drunkenness, so why do we think going to a club is not okay but not managing our time in advance (not being thoughtful with our time) is fine?
 - Gen 1:3
God has given us 24hours and He says “it is good” (God has given us the ability to close netflix and get off youtube and focus on our work!)
so 24h is a perfect amt of time (saying we don’t have enough time is saying God messed up in creation!)
 - Sleep doesn’t equal rest, refreshing others does!!