

SG #7: MATTHEW 25:14-30 BE ONE OF THOSE WHO DID

There's a difference between those that did and those that didn't. TOOK OP/NO

Nolan Bushnell 50K apple/480 bill - Ronald Wayne 10% for \$800 - 40 billion

- Peter/disciples boat – 50 prophets around Elijah 1 wouldn't leave/double portion – Moses said no – 3x before He said YES. **THINK ABOUT IT might not**

God wants the best for you.

There is no reason to be afraid of God's will for your life....His will is the best.

MP: Experiencing God's best version of your life won't happen without possessing all the gifts He has given you. Jesus, prayer, salvation, HS, spiritual gifts. You won't get to His best version unless you are using all His gifts.

- U Don't give gifts to people unless u want to...RELUCTANCE/REGRET – NOT GD
 - o Think carefully about the gifts you give
 - o HANNA'S BIRTHDAY – THOUGHT CAREFULLY WHAT SHE WOULD LIKE
 - o BLESS HER >>>>> GOD NOT ARBITRARY

1 Corinthians 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good

1 Corinthians 12:11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to

YOU HAVE TO WANT GOD'S BEST

Getting to God's best for our lives means total surrender of ourselves to Him.

Reshape your desires around what God wants for you. HIS WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

- God has a plan for you – NO - REALLY HE DOES - **LOVE**

Psalm 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. ⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

- Relationship with Christ has done – SHIFT IN OUR LIVES - **WANT**
- WHY PAUL SAID should desire spiritual gifts: deeply concerned, jealous, covet

1Cor. 14:1 "Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts." **WHAT'S IN THE WAY / UNALIGNED?**

YOU'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT (the yoush / samo)

RAISIN CHILDREN – got to put the effort into it - **hanna riding horse**

- **Seek GOD, Step Out, Stay the Course**
- ONE OF THE BIGGEST KEYS – LET GOD GUIDE YOU AS YOU'RE MOVING

You can't steer a parked car – time to dial in and discover. **STARTED SERV.**

As you take steps of faith God will reveal and use the gifts He's given to you.

1 Tim. 1:6 Stir up the gift that is in you

GOD'S BEST IS FOUND WITH HIS PEOPLE

You don't discover your gifts when you're disconnected from God's people.

- FROM LEADERS – trusted leadership in the church

Confirmation from someone (divided tongues as of fire) – **YOU CAN C S1 CAN'T**

Barnabas Acts 9:15 Go for he is a chosen vessel of min to bear My name b4 gentiles, King **HUMBLE**

- Barnabas was the leader who became th follower

1Tim 1:6 Stir up the gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands

Acts 13:2 Separate unto me Saul and Barnabas for the work that I have called

Acts 11:25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. When he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people.

AS YOU STEP OUT REMEMBER - MEANING CAN'T BE MEASURED

You know how we are. We get all about results. **DON'T GET ME WRONG**

- Leaders: should be able to see people following / Giving: resources should be being distributed / Teaching: people are engaged and learning

God measures your success by your faithfulness.

- **WE WANT TO QUANTIFY GOD WANTS TO QUALIFY – QUANTITY / QUALITY**
 - o We want meaning to be connected to metrics, more – GOD – DID U DO???

When you step **out** in faith the **out-come** belongs to God.

SERVING THROUGH YOUR GIFT IS THE PLACE OF JOY

- **A LOT OF ADVERSITY – IT'S GONNA BE HARD** – no one will tell you that.
 - o Spiritual gifts, the ministry is not a burden
- **Don't get discouraged – don't turn at the first roadblock**
 - o I submitted my paperwork no one got back – TRY AGAIN

God blesses persistence.

- JOY HERE AND NOW
- JOY STORED UP FOR YOU

Matthew 25:23 Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.

I got the shirt – that means you did it.

BE one of those who did.

When you stand before God it will all be would have been.

The best version of life

Which version are you living

GIFTS ASSESSMENT – How many of you have taken a Spiritual Gifts?

- Western world – develop tests – giving a test is the solution / clinical
 - o Foreign to the early church
 - o Distinguish gifts from personality profiles