Church Announcements and Events:

Calendar of Events for the Month of September 2018:

- \Rightarrow <u>Wednesdays</u>: "The Book of Philippians" Discovering God in the Midst of Life.
- $\Rightarrow~$ Stay tuned for the launch of our NEW TWCC Mercy Ministry in September 2018:
- $\Rightarrow\,$ Corporate Prayer will re-launch this Month (September). Look for the days, times, and days on CCB.





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Sunday, September 16th, 2018

"Welcome To Your Church!"

PROVERBS 3:9-10

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, September 16th, 2018

SERMON SERIES: "It's Harvest Time!"

SERMON TITLE: "Our Call to Wise and Faithful Financial Stewardship"

3 John 2 (NKJV) - "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul pros-

Psalm 35:27 (NKJV) – "Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified. Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." John 10:10 (NLT) - "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

- Friends, you may or may not have heard it before, but GOD'S WILL FOR YOURS AND MY LIFE IS NOT POVERTY!
- We see God's Will identified in these three verses. He, through John, is _ that we PROS-PER in all things; and through the Psalmist, that He takes _____ in our PROSPERING; and through the lips of our Lord Jesus He conveys to us His ______ and intention in coming to earth to <u>PROSPER</u> us – the fact that He was sent to <u>BLESS</u> us. (Acts 3:26)

Our Father God wills for each of us as His children to prosper in all things - spiritually, mentally, physically, and

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR FINANCES: 3 John 2 (NKJV) – "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

- What is God's will concerning the finances of His people? Psalms 35:27 makes a good summary of this: Psalm 35:27 (NKJV) - "Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the **prosperity of His servant**." <u>The Moffat's translation</u> says that God "... loves to see His servant prospering." HEAVEN'S CLOTHING IS NEVER WOVEN WITH THE CURSED PATCHES OF POVERTY! WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO PROSPER?
- 1st Reason Why God Wants Us to Prosper To Produce Enough Money to For the Needs of Our Household: 1 Timothy 5:8 (NKJV)
- 2nd Reason Why God Wants Us to Prosper To Possess Enough Money to Preach, Partner and Pro-Around the World: Romans 10:14 – 15 (NKJV) Read Mark 16:15 and vide for the Acts 1:8 We certainly need to walk in ______ in order to have the funds to get it done and get it done with excellence. <u>One thing is obvious</u>: Poverty-stricken people are limited in their ability to fulfill the Great Commission. Without funds, they have difficulty going into all the world and neither can they help send someone else. SO, IF GOD REQUIRES EVERY BELIEVER TO HELP CARRY OUT THIS MISSION, THEN IT MUST BE HIS PLAN AND HIS WILL FOR HIS PEOPLE TO PROSPER! God wants you and me to have enough money to be able to send people and support people to preach the Gospel. 3rd Reason Why God Wants Us to Prosper - So We Have Enough Money to Pay _ Read Matthew 22:17 – 21 We need to see that Jesus just told us two things in verse 21: (1) We are to ______ our taxes, and (2) We are to ______.
- 4th Reason Why God Wants Us to Prosper To Have Enough Money To Take Care of and Give Regularly to the _____ Proverbs 19:17 (NKJV) – "He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given." We shouldn't sow into ______; however, we should ______ to the _____, and make sure we <u>GIVE GENEROUSLY</u>! Proverbs 22:9 (NKJV); Proverbs 28:27

A LESSON OF STEWARDSHIP: (THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS) Read Matthew 25:14-29

- _and Increase purpose for wise financial stewardship clearly seen Let's about the in this account of the Parable of the Talents. When we take a holistic viewpoint of this we can comfortably ascertain that the Lord is desirous and directive in our Stewardship Responsibilities with our: TIME, TAL-ENT. TREASURE
- TIME: Making and Investing the ______ to GO, GROW and GIVE as our TWCC Mission and Ministry Mandate dictates. Redeeming your and giving more of it to Lord for His use and His Will. Redeeming the _____means making the most of every day; the most of every opportunity – by seeing for the Lord! and seizing the
- TALENT (Our God-given gifts, talents and abilities): 1 Peter 4:10 (TPT) "Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God's grace." We often say, God didn't save you to sit; but He saved you, wash away your sins and filled with His Holy Spirit to serve. Not only do you and I serve God with our TIME but also with our _
- TREASURE (Our Money and God-given resources): We certainly are to contribute and make MULTI-PLICATION and ______ with our finances and money. By managing our money God's way we to be blessing to the Church and Kingdom of God financially. GOD'S generate the PLAN IS TO BRING MULTIPLICATION AND INCREASE INTO YOUR LIFE! (Psalms 115:15)

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But this begs the question. WHY? Why does God want to give me an increase? Why does God care if I do important work and have an impact? Why does He want to bless me? The answer is simple and twofold: 1st – He love us. 2nd – God wants to increase us and our children and He want to bless us so that we can look at life in the dimensions He wants to see. He wants us to see the greatness and goodness of God.

SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

Increase Principle's To Understand: PRINCIPLE #1: God gives you increase so that you can have an ____ PRINCIPLE #2: God gives you more so you can do PRINCIPLE #3: God gives you more so you can do more, not just so you can have Let's get even more specific. If your giving isn't trending up, then your _ isn't plateaued, flat lining, or just staying the same; it is trending down. When God gives you more resources and finances, it's not so that you can give the same as always and keep the increase for yourself. HE GIVES YOU INCREASE SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE EVEN MORE TO GIVE. He gives you increase so that you can do something more for God. PRINCIPLE #4: God will do what you can't, but He won't do what you It is so easy and tempting to skip over this principle, but we simply cannot ignore it. We each have a part to play! 1 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV) - "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." One person planted a seed and did their part. Another person did their part and watered the seed. That's when God came in to give the God has given us a part to play in His Kingdom. UNPACKING THE LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS: 1st – We see the 5 talent and 2 talent servants both generated and INCREASE 2nd – We see the 1 talent servant did not generate any MULTIPLICATION nor any TALENT = Literally \$1.2MM (average annual wage of \$50K for 24 years). 3rd – The <u>1 Talent Servant</u> was told something different than the other two: He was called <u>WICKED</u>, LAZY and ______. Wickedness is the result of _____. EVIL IS ANYTHING THAT TAKES YOU AWAY FROM YOUR GOD-INTENDED PURPOSE. If it is a to you then it is **EVIL** to you. 4th - To generate MULTIPLICATION and INCREASE we need to be STEWARDS of the MONEY and RESOURCES our Lord Jesus entrusts into our lives.



