

COURSE SCHEDULE

Introduction

1. Stewardship
2. Faithfulness

Money

3. Generosity
4. Spending
5. Saving, Investing, and Debt
6. Materialism
7. Q&A

Time

8. God's Purposes for Rest
9. Stewarding Our Time

Health

10. God's Purposes for Health
11. Stewarding Poor Health

Skills

12. Stewarding Your Skills
13. The Enemy of Stewardship

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Core Seminars - Christian Discipleship Stewardship

Week 2: Faithfulness



I. INTRODUCTION

II. WHY DOES THE FAITHLESS SERVANT GO TO HELL? (Matthew 25:24-30)

He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed. Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Faithfulness is obedient living that proclaims how excellent, good, trustworthy, and satisfying God is. Every decision you make has potential to say something true or false about who God is.

III. FAITHFULNESS PROCLAIMS WHO GOD IS

Genesis 1:27 – our value is rooted in our creation as image-bearers.

Genesis 1:28 – we image God through relationships and work.

Genesis 1:28 without 1:27 is idolatry.

IV. FAITHFULNESS MATTERS MORE THAN RESULTS

Failure is about you: not living up to your potential. Faithlessness is about God: living in a way that lies about who he is.

Example #1: Flood Insurance

Example #2: Staying Home with the Kids

Two problems with living for results

1. We can't see what's truly valuable.
2. The things of this world are passing away.
Proverbs 23:4-5

Often, lack of results point to lack of faithfulness.

IV. WHAT DOES FAITHFULNESS LOOK LIKE?

A. Faithfulness as Obedience

B. Faithfulness as Comparison Shopping

1. Comparison Shopping

Comparing things of worldly value

Comparing tangibles with intangibles

Comparing worldly value with eternal value

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

CONCLUSION

Jesus will not fail!