



CELL GROUP MATERIAL

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17 MAY SERMON

# IMPACT THAT ECHOES INTO ETERNITY

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**Ice Breaker Question:** If you could make one lasting impact in this world, what would it be? Why does that matter to you?

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## Sermon Recap

The sermon explored how we can create impact that lasts beyond our earthly lives. Using the parable of the shrewd manager in Luke 16, Pastor challenged us to understand that we are stewards, not owners, of everything God has entrusted to us. True spiritual impact requires urgency, faithfulness in small things, and single-minded devotion to God.

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## Key Scripture

**Luke 16:10-13** (Read aloud together)

*"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. He who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? If you have not been faithful in what is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to one and despise the other. You aren't able to serve God and mammon."*

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## Discussion Questions

### 1. Understanding Stewardship

- What's the difference between thinking of yourself as an "owner" versus a "steward" of your resources, talents, and opportunities?
- What has God specifically entrusted to you? (Consider: testimony, talents, resources, relationships, ministry opportunities)
- In what areas of your life have you been acting more like an owner than a steward?

### 2. The Urgency Factor

- Pastor Bobby mentioned that "the hour is ticking" and "Jesus is coming back soon." How does this truth affect the way you live daily?
  - What opportunities has God placed before you right now that you might be delaying or postponing?
  - Share about a time when you seized a spiritual opportunity. What happened?
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### 3. Exchanging Temporal for Eternal

- The sermon said: "Money can become a mission. A meal can become something else. A home can become a place of hospitality." What temporary resources do you have that could be "exchanged" for eternal impact?
- How can we use our worldly wealth, education, careers, or talents for kingdom purposes?
- What's one practical way you could use something temporary in your life this week for eternal purposes?

### 4. Faithfulness in Small Things

- Why do you think God emphasizes faithfulness in small things before entrusting us with bigger responsibilities?
- What "small things" in your life might God be asking you to be faithful in right now?
- The pastor mentioned the widow's mite and the five loaves and two fish. How does this encourage you when you feel like what you have to offer is small?

### 5. One Master

- Jesus said we cannot serve both God and money. What are some signs that money (or another resource) might be becoming a master instead of a servant in someone's life?
- What practical steps can we take to ensure God remains our only Master?

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### Key Takeaways

1. **We are stewards, not owners** - Everything we have is entrusted to us by God for His purposes
2. **Urgency matters** - We have a limited window of opportunity to make eternal impact
3. **Exchange the temporary for the eternal** - Use worldly resources for kingdom purposes
4. **Faithfulness in small things counts** - God sees and values our faithfulness in the little opportunities
5. **Single-minded devotion** - We must serve God alone, not money or any other master

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### Practical Applications

#### This Week's Challenge (Choose one or more):

##### Individual:

- **Prayer Commitment:** Commit to praying daily this week asking God: "What have You entrusted to me, and what do You want me to do with it?"

- **Small Faithfulness:** Identify one "small thing" God has given you and be intentionally faithful with it this week
- **Eternal Exchange:** Take one temporal resource (money, time, talent, home) and use it specifically for eternal purposes

### As a Group:

- **Mission Focus:** Discuss how your small group can collectively support missions (consider the Mission Pledge mentioned in the sermon)
- **Accountability Partners:** Pair up with someone to check in on your faithfulness in the "small things" God has called you to

### Prayer Focus

Break into pairs or smaller groups and pray for each other about:

1. **Clarity** - That God would show each person what He has specifically entrusted to them
2. **Urgency** - For a sense of God's timing and the courage to act now
3. **Faithfulness** - For grace to be faithful in the small things
4. **Single-mindedness** - For hearts fully devoted to serving God alone
5. **Eternal perspective** - For wisdom to use temporary things for eternal purposes

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### Closing

**Memory Verse for the Week:** *"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much."* - Luke 16:10

**Reminder:** Encourage group members about Pentecost Sunday next week - an opportunity to invite friends to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.