

Teaching Notes

Series: Next Steps

Week 5

S.H.A.P.E.

S = Spiritual Gifts

H = Heart or passion

A = Abilities

P = Personality

E = Experiences

NLT 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. 5 There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. 6 There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. 7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.

Luke 19:11-24 (NLT) ¹¹ The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away. ¹² He said, "A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return. ¹³ Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, 'Invest this for me while I am gone.' ¹⁴ But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.' ¹⁵ "After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what their profits were. ¹⁶ The first servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!' ¹⁷ "'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.' ¹⁸ "The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.' ¹⁹ "'Well done!' the king said. 'You will be governor over five cities.' ²⁰ "But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, 'Master, I hid your money and kept it safe. ²¹ I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours and harvesting crops you didn't plant.' ²² "'You wicked servant!' the king roared. 'Your own words condemn you. If you knew that I'm a hard man who takes what isn't mine and harvests crops I didn't plant, ²³ why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.' ²⁴ "Then, turning to the others

standing nearby, the king ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.'

First. If we're going to be good stewards, we serve God out of devotion.

What does being a devoted steward look like?

a: A good steward puts it all on the line.

b: Being a good steward means I do what God empowers me to do.

Acts 1:8a But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...

NLT John 14:12 "The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father."

Second. Because we are stewards, we must be prepared to give an account.

NIV Luke 12:48b "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Third. Good stewards serve with no thought of a reward.

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