

Title: “A WINNING HAND”

Text: Matt 25:15-30

PRINCIPLES FROM THE PARABLE

- God expects us to make the **MOST** of what we have been given
- no one has been given the **SAME THING**
- you did not choose these things given to you— **GOD DID**

FIVE UNCONTROLLABLE FACTORS

1) Your **CONCEPTION**

“Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!” (Ps. 139:14)

“Because of an illness, I came to you the first time preaching the good news” (Gal 4:13)

2) Your **CONNECTIONS**

“From one man He made every nation of men... and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.” (Acts 17:26)

3) Your **CIRCUMSTANCES**

“You do not know what your life will be like tomorrow...” (James 4:14)

4) Your **INNER CONVERSATIONS**

“Be careful what you think because your thoughts run your life” (Prov. 4:23)

“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he” (Prov 23:7)

5) Your **CHOICES**

“I am setting before you a blessing and a curse.” (Deut. 11:26)

FIVE CHOICES FOR A WINNING HAND

- 1) I can choose to get **HEALTHIER**
- 2) **IMPROVE & DEEPEN** relationships
- 3) I can choose to **TRUST GOD** no matter what!
- 4) I can choose what **I THINK ABOUT**
- 5) I can choose **JESUS** as my **SAVIOR**