SERMON NOTES

Entrusted
2026 | *What will we do with what God has placed in our hands?*
Part 2: It was Never Really Yours

BIG Idea: Everything we have belongs to God, and everything He entrusts to us is an opportunity to honor Him with our lives.

Application: Take an honest inventory of your time, talents, and treasure, and intentionally use what God has entrusted to you to honor Him, serve others, and invest in what will outlast you.

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Who really owns what we've been given?

1. **What we call <u>ours</u> has always come from <u>God's</u> hands.**

   1 Chronicles 29:10-14 (NLT)

   10 Then David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly:

   "O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. 12 Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.

   13 "O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! 14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

   David didn't deny his labor. He recognized the <u>source</u> that made his labor <u>possible</u>.

   Psalm 24:1 (NLT)

   1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
   The world and all its people belong to him.

   1 Timothy 6:17 (NLT)

   17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

2. **Everything God entrusts to us must be handled with <u>care</u> and <u>intention</u>.**

   1 Chronicles 29:15-16 (NLT)

   15 We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace.

   16 "O Lord our God, even this material we have gathered to build a Temple to honor your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you!"

   James 4:14 (NLT)

   14 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.

   The fact that he wouldn't live to see the Temple <u>completed</u> didn't diminish his willingness to invest in it.

   Our stewardship can outlive our <u>season</u>.

   Psalm 90:12 (NLT)

   12 Teach us to realize the brevity of life,
   so that we may grow in wisdom.

3. **What we do with what God entrusts reveals the <u>posture</u> of our hearts.**

   1 Chronicles 29:17-18 (NLT)

   17 I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.

   18 "O Lord, the God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, make your people always want to obey you. See to it that their love for you never changes."

   Stewardship reveals the <u>heart</u> behind our choices.

   What God has entrusted to us is not merely something we're responsible for. It's something we've been <u>privileged</u> to receive.

You cannot <u>keep</u> everything you've been given. But you can be <u>faithful</u> with it while it's in your hands.