

MESSAGE TITLE: EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK, BLESSINGS!

Isaiah 54:2-4 Clear lots of ground for you and your tents. Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You're going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family. You're going to take over whole nations; you're going to resettle abandoned cities.

Amos 9:11-15 "I will restore David's house that has fallen to pieces. I'll repair the holes in the roof, replace the broken windows, fix it up like new. David's people *will be* strong again and seize what's left of Enemy Sodom, plus everyone else under my sovereign judgment." [This is] God's decree. He will do this. "Yes indeed, it won't be long now." [This is] God's decree. **"Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening all at once - and everywhere you look, blessings!** Blessings like wine pouring off the mountains and hills.

Every blessing is meant to be STEWARDED and the greater the blessing the greater the RESPONSIBILITY to steward well the blessing.

Luke 12:48 NLT When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required. **I have come to set the world on fire.**

Matthew 25:15 NKJV To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own *ability* ...

... and immediately he went on a journey. (Matthew 25:15 NKJV)

... he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. **Matthew 25:14-19**

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord." He also who had received two talents came and said, "Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them." His lord said to him, **"Well done, good and faithful servant;** you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." Then he who had received the one talent came and said, "Lord ... **I was afraid,** and went and **hid your talent** in the ground.

Look, there you have what is yours. **Matthew 25:21-25**

What keeps us from stewarding the blessing is FEAR.

You **wicked** and **lazy servant** ... take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast that unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” **Matthew 25:26-30**

How to Steward the Blessing without Fear

1. YOU WILL FAIL SOMETIMES

We *all* stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault ... is *perfect*. **James 3:2**

2. YOU WILL OUTLAST YOUR FAILURE

Though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again. **Proverbs 24:16**

We can **rejoice** ... when we run into problems and trials, for **we know** that they are good for us – they help us **learn** and **endure**. **Romans 5:3 NLT**

3. YOU CANNOT PLAY IT SAFE AND PLEASE GOD

without **faith** it is impossible to please God. **Hebrews 11:6**

4. THERE IS UNLIMITED GRACE FOR YOU

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus [for what? To play it safe? No!] to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

QUOTES:

We’re not just meant to receive the blessing - We’re meant to steward the blessing.

Nobody’s ever made a real and lasting kingdom difference this side of heaven playing it safe. Just look at Jesus.

We live in a culture that embraces sin and cancels people – We serve a God that cancels sin and embraces people.

The only thing worse than failing is being so afraid to fail you never try.

The greatest tragedy in life is a life not fully lived.

An argumentative spirit is birthed from an insecure soul.

He not only gives you the blessing to steward - He gives you the grace to steward the blessing.