

The Principle of Preservation

- **Title:** "The Principle of PRESERVATION"
- **Text:** John 6:11-13
- **Meditation:** "Jesus wants YOU to be a good steward for Him."
- **Outline:**

NKJV And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them[a]to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." 13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

NLT Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. 12 After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." 13 So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

NTV Luego Jesús tomó los panes, dio gracias a Dios y los distribuyó entre la gente. Después hizo lo mismo con los pescados. Y todos comieron cuanto quisieron. 12 Una vez que quedaron satisfechos, Jesús les dijo a sus discípulos: «Ahora junten lo que sobró, para que no se desperdicie nada». 13 Entonces ellos juntaron las sobras y llenaron doce canastos con los restos que la multitud había dejado después de comer de los cinco panes de cebada.

Introduction:

- *ONE day, John Wesley's house burned down to the ground. Some people found him and said, "John, we are so sorry to tell you this, but your house just burned to the ground." John Wesley said, "That's impossible." "No, John! Your house burned to the ground." "That's impossible!" "John, we saw it with our own eyes. Your house is gone!" "That's impossible. You see, I don't own a house. God gave me a place to live in. I only managed that house for Him. If He didn't put the fire out, then that's His problem. He'll have to put me somewhere else." He understood that he could have something and use something without possessing it. He didn't hold on to it so tightly that when it went down he went down too.*
- Today we'll be talking about the principle of Preservation. Pastor Jay has been taking us through John chapter 6, and really gleaning all we can from it.
- We see Jesus telling to save everything that was left over. Jesus didn't want things to go to waste! He's given you a lot of gifts, are you using them well as a good steward?
- **I. The Lord is the Faithful GIVER of all good gifts.**
- **James 1:16-17 - *He is the Good Giver***

- 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (Jas 1:16–17)
- **Gen 1:1** - He gave us the universe!
- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Ge 1:1)
- **Heb 11:3** - He gives us daily existence
- By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (Heb 11:3)
- **Col 1:16** - He gave us the spiritual realms/angels
- Colossians 1:16 (NKJV) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.
- **John 3:16** - He gave us the Gift of 'God the Son'
- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.(Jn 3:16)
- **II. The Lord wants us to be Faithful MANAGERS of His gifts.**
- **1 Cor 4:1-2** - successful = faithful stewards of God's resources?
- Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. (1 Co 4:1–2)
- **Stewardship is the “use of God-given resources for the accomplishment of God-given goals.”—Ron Blue**
- Spiritual Gifts? Find them. Use them. Develop Them. (Ex. Josh/JP)
- God's Time? 86,400 sec/day. Prioritize.
- God's Money? Tithe. Save. Invest.
- God's Word? Read it. Live it. Teach it.
- Your Spouse? Love. Take time. Invest.
- Your Children? Disciple. Teach. Empower.
- **Matt 25:20-22; 29 - God's talents**
- 20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ 21 His lord said to him, ‘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.’ 22 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.’.....For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. (Mt 25:20–23; 29)
- **Lk 8:18 - God's Word/revelation**
- Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.” (Lk 8:18)