

WE GET TO DO THIS

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I. REVIEW

A. There are too many lost people.

B. The Vision Tree

Jeremiah 17:7-8 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

- 1. God First**
- 2. People Are The Priority**
- 3. Healthy Things Grow**
- 4. We Get To Do This**

II. HOW WILL YOU BEAR FRUIT WITH THE STRENGTH GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU?

A. What you do with your strength matters.

Matthew 25:21 His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

Matthew 25:28-30 So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- We are to be faithful so we can be fruitful.

B. Three Strength Questions

1. What strength do you have?

- This is your ABILITY.

2. What difference can you make?

- This is your OPPORTUNITY.

Ephesians 5:15-16 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

3. How will you use your strength?

- This is your ATTITUDE.

Philippians 2:14-15 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

III. WE GET TO DO THIS

1. We are the Church

- *What strength do we have?*
- **You are the we.**

Ephesians 4:16 From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

“We stand on the threshold of unprecedented opportunity.” - Rev. J. Donald McManness

2. The Church is the Hope of the World

- *What difference can we make?*

Ephesians 3:10-12 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Ephesians 3:13 I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

a.) What happens in the building reaches far beyond the walls.

- The physical church makes a spiritual difference.

b.) God's vision becomes reality through the church.

- We are agents of freedom and confidence.

3. We Get to Do This

• How will we use our strength?

a.) We get to serve.

b.) We get to give.

- You are giving to God and not to a church or project.
- It is not how much you give but how much you obey.
- Your giving is vertical. The fruit is horizontal.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

c.) We get to change lives.

- It may be difficult.
- It may have some risk.
- It is worth it!