The ONE! "All for One Word to Change Your Life!": Matthew 25:14-30 March 12, 15-16: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

If God were to lead you to one word to <u>mark</u> your life this year...what would it be? Compassion is a word that drives us to make a difference! 1 Thessalonians 3:7-9 NIV

- I. Grateful Is a Word That Acknowledges God's Generosity. 2 Corinthians 9:7
- II. Steward Is a Word That Reminds Us Who Owns Everything God!

The Master, who represents God in this story, distributes His resources to His servants to use for His purposes.

When you are the manager of someone else's resources you're not an owner, you're accountable as a steward. 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

Three principles about my stewardship: Psalm 24:1

- Everything belongs to God.
- Everything comes from God.
- Everything is distributed by God.

Just because something is <u>in</u> your possession, doesn't mean it is your possession.

III. Intentional Is a Word That Keeps Us from Missing Opportunities.

- Stewardships are given for a purpose.
- Stewardships are given with an expectation.

IV. Courageous Faith Is What Moves Us to Do the Right Thing Even When It's the Hard Thing!

V. Obey the Lord When an Opportunity Comes to Invest His Resources.

1. Normal stewardship opportunities are around us all the time:

- You can invest time
- You can invest words!
- You can invest by <u>tithing</u>.
- You can invest your love!

2. Strategic stewardship opportunities arrive occasionally.

The ONE Campaign is a strategic opportunity, for the next \underline{two} years, to make a sacrificial commitment to God above your normal giving.

"Lord, what do you want to do through our family to accomplish Your goals for Your church."

"Well done, good and faithful steward!

One Prayer

This week of The ONE Campaign, we want to focus on a right position with God and with others. This is attained through asking forgiveness of actions that separate us from God (sin) and by forgiving others. We are reminded of God's great capacity for forgiveness.

"But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8

So each day this week during your prayer time, ask God to reveal to you the thoughts and actions in your life that separate you from God and ask for His forgiveness.

Then ask Him to reveal to you those in your life whom you need to forgive, remembering that God has shown you grace by forgiving you first and requires the same of us as we are instructed in Colossians 3:12-13:

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

St. Patrick's Day Outreach

Monday, March 17

Downtown Savannah

More than 300,000 people are expected to come to Savannah to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We have the opportunity to spread the love of Jesus as people enjoy the festivities. We will hand out bottled water, green lemonade and St. Patrick's beads. Bring your family and join us as we choose compassion. For more information, visit SCCgo.com or contact Jordan at jsmith@savannahchristian.com.

Special Needs Adoption Workshop 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22

Room 203, Main Building

If you are adopting or thinking about adopting a child from overseas, this workshop will provide very useful medical information. Guest speaker Dr. Keith Seibert, a respected pediatrician from Richmond Hill, will be speaking about major and minor special needs and how you can prepare well for the medical needs of your child. He will go over the medical needs checklist and be available to answer questions. **Blitz and Element Camps 2014**

Monday, July 7 – Friday, July 11 Camp Kulaqua in High Spring, FL

Blitz and Element camps are open to all middle and high school students. Join us for an exciting week of fellowship, games, teaching and going deeper in your relationship with Jesus. Come expecting Jesus to change your life! The cost is \$325 and can be paid at SavannahChristian.com.