

Vantage Point

How the Kingdom puts all of life in perspective!

Pastor Jim Dunn

August 15, 2010

The Kingdom Way of STEWARDSHIP

Introduction: Perspective – found in “the eye of the beholder,” shifts easily, needs reference point, vitally important!

Vertigo – an incorrect sensation that you or your environment is moving or spinning

First week: WHEN is the Kingdom of God?

*Now...though not yet in fullness!

Second week: FOR WHOM is the Kingdom of God?

*Those with need, willing to receive God's grace!

Last week: WHAT is life in the Kingdom like? (Part One)

*Receiving and extending mercy!

This week: WHAT is life in the Kingdom like? (Part Two)

Luke 12:13-21 *Loaded with PERSPECTIVE!*

Vs. 13 - “decide for me against my brother” - already decided what he wants and tries to use Jesus

Vs. 15 - Greed can distort what true life is. It's not about “stuff.”

Vs. 16-19 - “What I've been given is all for my ultimate enjoyment!”

Vs. 20 – You can't take it with you!

Question for Personal Reflection:

How do I feel about what God has given to me? Is it mine? Am I a steward of what has come my way? Am I generous? Do I take the things God has given to me and store them up for my own purposes or do I release them sacrificially for the benefit of others?

Vs. 21 – What does it mean to be “rich toward God?”

Recognizing that all of our resources (time, talent, and treasure) are

God-given and ultimately belong to Him, we seek to live from an

eternal perspective. We live for eternity by investing in

God, His Word, and people.

Kingdom Vantage Point: *Making one's life an eternal investment*

“The greatest use of a life is to spend it on something that will outlast it.”

William James

“Our greatest fear as individuals and as a church should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter.”

Tim Kizziar