

SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Stewarding Your Heart

God's good plans become visible as we guard our heart, keep His Word before us, and faithfully tend every area He has entrusted to our care.

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 God's good plans call for a faithful response.

- God's thoughts toward His people are thoughts of peace, hope, and a future; His goodness gives us a secure place to begin. ([Jeremiah 29:11](#))
- Seek Him with the whole heart rather than settling for a life that merely goes through the motions. ([Jeremiah 29:12-13](#))
- Put your hand to the Kingdom work He has entrusted to you, confident that His purpose is good. ([Ephesians 2:10](#))

"His desire is to give you a hope and a future. That's God's design. That is His purpose."

STUDY [Jeremiah 29:11-13](#); [Ephesians 2:10](#)

02 Steward your heart before every other area of life.

- The heart is the first field entrusted to us, and neglected roots eventually affect everything growing around them. ([Proverbs 4:23](#))

- Invite God to search your heart and reveal motives, anxieties, and ways that need His correction. ([Psalm 139:23-24](#))
- Receive His examination now with humility instead of waiting for hidden issues to produce visible damage. ([1 Corinthians 4:4-5](#))

“God wants us to steward our hearts. Then you can take care of all these other things as long as you’re keeping this in order and in line.”

STUDY [Psalm 139:23-24](#); [1 Corinthians 4:1-5](#); [Proverbs 4:23](#)

03 Neglected ground does not remain empty.

- The field of the slothful filled with thorns, nettles, and a broken wall because it was left unattended. ([Proverbs 24:30-34](#))
- Small weeds are easier to address than established roots; obey when the Lord first points out an area that needs care. ([Hebrews 3:15](#))
- Faithfulness means tending what God has given you before disorder grows strong enough to overtake it. ([Luke 16:10](#))

“That’s what happens when we just let things go and leave them unattended.”

STUDY [Proverbs 24:30-34](#); [Hebrews 3:15](#); [Luke 16:10](#)

04 Keep the Word before you as the pattern for faithful stewardship.

- Give attention to God’s words, keep them before your eyes, and hold them in the midst of your heart. ([Proverbs 4:20-22](#))
- Ponder the path of your feet and let your ways be established in His truth. ([Proverbs 4:26-27](#))
- Ask the Lord for a Scripture that speaks to the present season, then keep joining faith and obedience to that Word. ([Romans 10:17](#))

“Keeping the Word of God before you is the start. Having a heart of worship and just fellowshiping with the Lord is where your strength is going to be at.”

STUDY [Proverbs 4:20-27](#); [Romans 10:17](#)

05 Tackle the hard places with God instead of postponing them.

- Human nature avoids the difficult area, but delayed obedience allows the work to become heavier. ([James 1:22](#))
- Call on Jesus and work with Him as He removes deep roots and prepares the heart to produce good fruit. ([John 15:4-5](#))

- Maintain the health He establishes through continued prayer, worship, the Word, and practical obedience. ([Philippians 2:12-13](#))

“Tackle even the hard things. Get after those trees, get after the blackberry bushes, get after the tall grass.”

STUDY [James 1:22](#); [John 15:4-5](#); [Philippians 2:12-13](#)

06 Correction is an invitation to victory, not condemnation.

- There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, so conviction does not have to become despair. ([Romans 8:1](#))
- Failure is something every person has experienced, but it is not the identity God gives His children. ([Romans 8:37](#))
- Let His goodness lead you to repentance, then rise in faith and continue tending the life He has entrusted to you. ([Romans 2:4](#))

“Have you failed? Yeah, we’ve all failed. But that doesn’t make you a failure, because the Word says you’re more than a conqueror.”

STUDY [Romans 8:1](#); [Romans 8:37](#); [Romans 2:4](#)

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What are you tending?

What part of your heart or life has the Lord already shown you needs faithful attention?

Where have small weeds been allowed to grow because obedience felt difficult or inconvenient?

Which Scripture will you keep before you as you tend this area with God?

What one practical act of stewardship will you complete this week without condemnation or delay?
