

“Giving Hope...Surrendering to the Will of God”

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Managing God’s Stuff

Matthew 25:14-18

1. God Owns Everything.
2. God Gives Stuff Unequally.
3. God Holds Me Accountable for what He allows me to manage.
4. God has a “no excuse” policy.
5. Joy comes with faithful surrender.
6. God is glorified in the world when we live surrendered lives.

Surrender to God for His Glory

John 17:1-5

We glorify God when we complete His work that He gives us to do in the world.

Lion Chasers

“God is in the business of strategically positioning us in the right place at the right time. A sense of destiny is our birthright as followers of Christ. God is awfully good at getting us where He wants us to go. But here’s the catch: The right place often seems like the *wrong* place, and the right time often seems like the *wrong* time” (p. 12, In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day, by Mark Batterson)

“Do you remember the way Scripture describes Satan? Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Satan has two primary tactics when it comes to neutralizing you spiritually: discouragement and fear. He wants you to focus on past mistakes you’ve made. That is why he is called “the accuser of our brethren.” And the end result is a loss of courage. The other tactic is fear. Satan wants to scare the heaven out of you. He wants to put you on your heels so you become reactive and defensive. That is why he is described as a prowling lion. What we need is a little Christ-like courage to chase the lion.” (Batterson, p. 51)

Lion Chasers Manifesto...Giving Hope for the Glory of God

Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death. Set God-sized goals. Pursue God-ordained passions. Go after a dream that is destined to fail without divine intervention. Keep asking questions. Keep making mistakes. Keep seeking God. Stop pointing out problems and become part of the solution. Stop repeating the past and start creating the future. Stop playing it safe and start taking risks. Expand your horizons. Accumulate experiences. Enjoy the journey. Find every excuse you can to celebrate everything you can. Live like today is the first day and last day of your life. Don't let what's wrong with you keep you from worshipping what's right with God. Burn sinful bridges. Blaze a new trail. Criticize by creating. Worry less about what people think and more about what God thinks. Don't try to be who you're not. Be yourself. Laugh at yourself. Quit holding out. Quit holding back. Quit running away. Chase the lion.