

GOD'S VIEW OF LIFE

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Matthew 25:14-29

At some point, everyone asks, "What on earth am I here for?" God is the God of purpose, and everything He creates has meaning. The Bible gives us three metaphors to understand life from His perspective:

1. **Life is a TRUST** (Matthew 25:14-29)

God gives each of us gifts, abilities, and opportunities, expecting us to be faithful stewards. One day, we will all give an account of how we used what He entrusted to us (2 Corinthians 5:10). The key question will be: "What did you do with what I gave you?" Those who are faithful will hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord." (Matthew 25:23) How we manage our time, talents, and treasure matters because God is watching and will reward accordingly.

2. **Life is a TEST**

Every situation—big or small—shapes our character, priorities, and faith. Tests come through trials, challenges, and even daily decisions. Every time we pass a test, we grow and move forward; if we fail, we must go through the lesson again. Our LORD Jesus Christ promises that He will never allow us to face more than we can handle but will always provide a way through (1 Corinthians 10:13). He is more interested in who we are becoming than what we are achieving. Acts 20:32 reminds us that before the LORD gives, He builds—if He were to give first, His blessings could destroy us. Maintaining a right heart attitude ensures we stay on the path He has set before us.

3. **Life is a TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT**

Just as we spent nine months in the womb being prepared for this life, we are now being prepared for eternity. Our physical bodies are temporary "tents" (2 Corinthians 5:1), and as believers, we are merely pilgrims passing through. True fulfillment is not found in this world but in our eternal home (Ecclesiastes 3:11). When believers die, they are not leaving home; they are going home. We are in training for reigning (Revelation 5:10), for the LORD has made us kings and priests to reign with Him. Understanding this shifts our perspective, helping us to be better stewards and pass life's tests with confidence.

So, do you embrace the LORD's perspective on life? Life is a **trust**, a **test**, and a **temporary assignment**. Let us **live purposefully, steward faithfully**, and **prepare thoroughly** or keep eternity in focus!

Making It Personal:

1. **Insight** – What is ONE new insight the Holy Spirit has given me?
2. **Conviction** – Something pierced my heart or convicted me? Take action now!
3. **Share** – Received something I want to share with someone else?