



THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY

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YOUR GARDEN – HOW TO CULTIVATE AND KEEP IT

SESSION 5B

THE BIG PICTURE

- Be fruitful, multiply, fill, subdue, rule
- Proclaim the Good News, disciple the nations
- Fullness of the Gentiles, move Israel to jealousy
- Fill the earth with His glory



THE LITTLE PICTURE

- Cultivate, keep, tend
- Be faithful, steward what He entrusts to you
- Every member in the Body of Christ mature, functioning in their role for the common good
- Christ in you, the hope of glory



WHAT'S IN YOUR GARDEN?



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LOOK AROUND YOU

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Relationships

Resources

Responsibilities

LOOK TO THE LORD

FAITHFULNESS REWARDED

- Parable of the Minas: Luke 19:11-27
 - He tells this parable to explain the delay of the outward appearance of His Kingdom
 - The encouragement is to be faithful stewards until He returns

SERVANTS AND STEWARDS

- Rewarded for our labor and “how” we build: 1 Cor 3:5-15
- We are servants and stewards, and must be trustworthy: 1 Cor 4:1-2
- The “sphere” which God apportioned to us: 2 Cor 10:13-18

ADVICE FOR TIMOTHY

- "...in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight..." (1 Tim 1:18)
- "Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands..." (1 Tim 4:14ff)
- "Kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands" (2 Tim 1:6)

"TENDING IS LIKE WORK."

- Right. In the garden, Adam had both people (God and Eve) to be in relationship with and things to do to relate to the context that God had put him in. Like work.
- At the Fall, "tending" was increased to "toil", with "thorns and thistles"
- Living in the Spirit is more like living in the garden. It does take work to partner with God and tend what He has given us, but it is work without sweat.

LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

- In all the principles and ideas of how to be faithful, we must remember to have three things in mind:
 - Desire for the Father to be glorified
 - Total allegiance to Jesus Christ
 - Obedience to the Holy Spirit, yieldedness and willingness to abandon our plan for His greater wisdom

WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

- A large reason of looking at our garden is to see what things are really important in our lives before God...
- And to live intentionally based on that revelation.
- We have to actively prioritize the things that are actually important or they won't [all] happen.

URGENT

NOT URGENT

IMPORTANT

NOT IMPORTANT

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WISDOM TO LIVE BY

- The revelation we receive, and the relationships, resources, and responsibilities that we have, must become an actual part of our life if we are to be faithful with what we've been given.
- The most spiritual aspects of our life and all these abstract ideas we're talking about have to become practical.
- We must be masters of the Spiritual and masters of the practical.
- Our trees must turn into actions.

TURNING TREES INTO ACTIONS



Tree in your garden:	
Responsibilities:	
Actions:	
Scheduled:	

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