

# Rooted - Week 1 "Living Practically"

Our Mission: Guiding people to lives of gospel transformation

#### Our Values:

- Living Practically
- Serving Compassionately
- Prioritizing Family
- Relating Authentically
- Challenging Men

#### Matthew 25:14-18 (NIV)

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, <sup>[a]</sup> each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

## Psalm 24:1-2 (NIV)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; <sup>2</sup> for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

In living practically, we understand everything belongs to God.

## Matthew 25:19-21 (NIV)

"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

<sup>21</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

In living practically, we see that faithfulness is proven in the small things.

## Matthew 25:22-23 (NIV)

"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

<sup>23</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

## Mark 12:43-44 (NIV)

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

In living practically, we see God rewards trust, not amount.

## Matthew 25:24-29 (NIV)

"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

<sup>26</sup> "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. <sup>28</sup> "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

## Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Living practically means investing in the eternal.

#### Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

God doesn't ask us to give because He needs our money; He asks us to give because He wants our hearts.

## Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## Proverbs 27:1 (NIV)

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

## 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be  $\sin^{[a]}$  for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.