

East Hill Church Sermon Discussion Guide:

Time and Talent: Stewarding God's Gifts

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Introduction:

In this powerful conclusion to the "ENTRUSTED" series, Angela Davis explored how we are called to steward our time and talents for God's kingdom. Building on previous messages about stewarding treasure, she emphasized the importance of intentional living and using our spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ.

1. Redeeming Our Time:

Angela discussed how believers are called to live intentionally and purposefully in contrast to the surrounding culture.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to "redeem the time" in today's context?
2. How can we be more intentional about living as "children of light"?

Supporting Verses:

Ephesians 5:15-16 - "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

Context and Reflection:

- Historical/Cultural Context: Paul was addressing believers living in a pagan culture similar to today.
- Theological Significance: Christians are called to live distinctively and purposefully.
- Application: We should be intentional about how we use our time.

2. Understanding Spiritual Gifts:

Angela explained how each believer has been given unique gifts to build up the church.

Discussion Questions:

1. How have you discovered and developed your spiritual gifts?
2. What barriers prevent you from using your gifts in the church?

Supporting Verses:

Romans 12:4-6 - "For just as each of us has one body with many members...we have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."

Context and Reflection:

- Historical/Cultural Context: Paul was teaching about unity in diversity within the church.
- Theological Significance: Every believer has been gifted by God for service.
- Application: We should actively discover and use our gifts in the church.

3. Building Up the Body:

Angela emphasized how using our gifts and time builds up the church and witnesses to the world.

Discussion Questions:

1. How have you seen the church strengthened when people use their gifts?
2. What opportunities do you see to invest your time and talents at East Hill?

Supporting Verses:

Ephesians 4:11-13 - "So Christ himself gave...to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

Context and Reflection:

- Historical/Cultural Context: The early church needed everyone's participation to thrive.
- Theological Significance: God's design is for every member to contribute to church growth.
- Application: We should actively participate in building up the church community.

Conclusion:

Angela Davis's message reminded us that we are stewards of both our time and talents, called to use them intentionally for God's kingdom. When we invest ourselves in the church community, we not only experience personal growth but also demonstrate God's love to a watching world.

Reflection Questions:

1. How can you better steward your time for God's purposes?
2. What gifts has God given you that could build up the church?
3. What is one step you can take this week to invest more in the church community?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for entrusting us with time and talents. Help us to use them wisely and intentionally for your kingdom. Show us how to invest ourselves in building up your church and witnessing to your love. Give us courage to step out and use our gifts to serve others. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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