

# SERMON NOTES

February 5, 2017

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**Luke 16:10-12** “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

**Psalm 18:25-29** To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, <sup>26</sup> to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. <sup>27</sup> You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. <sup>28</sup> You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. <sup>29</sup> With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.

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**Psalm 84:10-12** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. <sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless. <sup>12</sup> LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

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**Psalm 112:5** *Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.*

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② **Anything** - Challenge ourselves to say to God "I will do anything you ask."

**Isaiah 6:8** *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*  
*parallels the Our Father Jesus told us to pray*

☺ We will start with small challenges and expand to bigger, all encompassing, challenges thru-out the year.

③ **Media Sharing and Encouragement** - Pictures & videos downloaded to a central site where someone will edit them so we can show them at our services.

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☺ Pray about volunteering in our children's ministry in 2017

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**1 Corinthians 9:22-23** *To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.*

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