Squandered Potential

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INTRODUCTION

- But the one talent man is a testimony to squandered potential.
- Nobody wants at the end of their lives to be said about them, your life has been one of squandered potential.
- This lesson is designed to encourage everyone here to not squander the most important commodity that you possess. And that is a soul that is made in the image of God that God has designed for eternal pleasure and joy.

1 How We Measure Success

1 Timothy 6:8

- Part of the problem is the way that we measure success.
- If we have food and covering to be content. There's no technology in there anywhere.
- However, you can have it all. The mantra, the American dream, and still squander your ultimate potential.
- What is a man profited if he gained the whole world? And forfeits his soul.

2 Be Filled With the Spirit

Ephesians 5:15–18; Matthew 6:24; Galatians 5:22–25

- Walk wisely in your life, making the most of your time, or redeeming the time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish. But understand what the will of the Lord is.
- You've got to choose one or the other to make the focus of your life.
- You must, in the midst of all of life's successes and accomplishments, you need to be filled with the Spirit.
- I have written out in the margin of my Bible at Ephesians 5 and verse 18 these words waste, squandering, riot, excess.
- If we live by the Spirit, we walk by the Spirit.
- Even if you gain the whole world, if you're not filled with the Spirit, you squander your potential.

3 Fulfilling Your Potential

Matthew 25:14–30; Luke 15:17

- No talent required. Everyone in this audience is capable of realizing this potential.
- You don't have to be the most talented one in the room.
- Wherever you are on the scale by someone who can actually measure that, probably only God, you have enough talent to be filled with the Spirit.
- The one talent man could have been pleasing to his master.

- God has promised a help in this transformation process.
- He came to himself. And that's really the message of the gospel.

THE CHALLENGE

Is your life going to be a success or a testimony to potential squander? May that not be said of any of us. Choose to serve the Lord all the days of your life.

MY NOTES