

Welcome to First & Faith United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes - November 14, 2021

Stewardship Sunday

“Enter His Courts With Thanksgiving”

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Luke 19:1-10 (NLT)

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town.

²There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.” ⁶Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled. ⁸Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!” ⁹Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Life Application:

- 1) Have you experienced a change of heart related to the way you use the resources God has blessed you with? How?
- 2) Why do “**you**” give to the church?
- 3) How has your life been changed by your faith in Jesus?

Prayer:

Gracious God, help me to be a good steward of the time, talent and treasure that you have entrusted me with. May they be used willingly and generously as an expression of Your love for me. I am thankful that You want the best for me. Help me to take stock of my life today so that I can give my best to honor You and advance Your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.