

SERMON NOTES

December 28, 2025

The Uncommon King: Entrusted not Entitled Matthew 25:14-30

1. I can't be entitled and humble _____.

2. God is fundamentally _____, _____ and _____. **Matthew 25:14**

3. I have to _____ to make life fair and _____ for the
life I have been given. **Matthew 25:16-18**

4. _____ for what God has entrusted to me. **Matthew 25:19-21**

5. God sees my "one bag of gold" _____ to make an eternal difference.

6. 2026 Challenge: _____ in my life where I need to take more responsibility.

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 25:14-18

Reflect: Describe the difference between entrusted and entitled. Would others say you live your life as more entrusted or entitled? Why? How does this passage impact your picture of who God is?

Prayer: Generous God, I am humbled that you would trust me with so much of your "wealth." Help me to be found worthy of your trust and generosity.

Tuesday

Matthew 25:19-23

Reflect: What does the word "faithful" mean to you? Can you recall a time you shared in the "Master's (God's) happiness?" Describe the experience. What is your interpretation/application of verse 21b? "You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things."

Prayer: Generous and loving God, great is your faithfulness. Help me to be more like you.

Wednesday

Matthew 25:24-30

Reflect: Contrast the characteristics of the first two servants and the third. What is your takeaway from the Master's interaction with the third servant? In 2026, in what areas of your life are you going to strive to be more responsible?

Prayer: Generous God, thank you for being so generous to me. I know I don't deserve it. You have given me more than I could ask for and more than I need. Today and in 2026, take what you have given me, bless it, use it, multiply it for your eternal purposes.

Thursday

1 John 4:7-12

Reflect: Happy New Year! As you think about the new habits, practices, and goals you want to adopt this year, consider how they might add to making God's love more complete in you. Identify who you want to love more completely this year.

Prayer: God of new beginnings, thank you for the fresh start to get better at loving you and others.

Friday

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Reflect: "To be on your heart" means to become second nature. How do your daily habits need to be reformed to help you become a more loving person? What habits/practices do you need to stop? What habits/practices are you going to start?

Prayer: God of new beginnings, show me where I am deficient in how I love the people I say are important to me. By your Spirit, teach me how to love them as you do.

Saturday

Colossians 3:12

Reflect: What does Paul mean when he says "clothe yourself"? Paul lays out five attributes every believer is to be clothed with. Rate yourself on each one. Where are you weak? Where are you strong? What are your next steps on each one?

Prayer: God of new beginnings, take my life into your hands and by your Spirit transform me into the person my family needs me to be.

Sunday

Psalms 150

Reflect: Unless you worshipped on Saturday night, it has been three weeks since we gathered as we normally do to praise and worship God. Why is the worship and the praise of God important? Or, what is its value? What emotions are evoked when you read Psalm 150?

Prayer: God, thank you for my church family. I can't wait to meet you among the gathered body as we praise you!