

Date: 2 Feb 2025

Sermon Series: (Open)

Sermon Title: 3M

Scripture Reference: Matthew 25:14-27

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Introduction:

The beginning of the year is a good time to make some resolutions and plan for the year ahead.

1. **Momentum (v16-17)**

1.1 Make things happen

Don't wait for things to happen. Make use of what God has given to you, and do something with it.

1.2 Makes life interesting

Don't keep doing the same things.

The opposites of momentum are stagnation and status quo. Don't be like the sloth.

2. **Measurable (v19)**

2.1 Measure fruits (or results)

Be productive.

2.2 Measurables motivate us

They help us to track how we are doing.

We can measure our physical health and our emotional health.

Jesus is interested in measurables (Matthew 14:21, Acts 2:41).

3. **Managing well (v21-23)**

3.1 Managing well allows us to manage more

If we are faithful, God will entrust us with more.

3.2 Managing more expands us

Managing more expands our skills. This will impact our purpose, career, well-being, compensation and benefits.

Managing more also expands our mental capacity. This will impact our ideas and creativity.

3.3 Managing well allows us to help others manage well.

We should help to develop other people's potential.

Conclusion:

God expects 'faithful doing' (Ephesians 2:10). God expects 'fruits' (John 15:1-2). God encourages 'sustainability' (Matthew 25:29).

Suggested Discussion Questions:

(Discussion leaders may feel free to adapt the questions to suit their small groups)

1. What things are you passionate about, and willing to initiate something for it rather than just react?
2. Looking at the measurables of 2024, do you feel motivated or disappointed?
3. In 2025, what is one area you would like to manage better?

DBS/BOBILA Questions

1. What does this passage say about God?
2. What does this passage say about man?
3. Based on this passage, what are you doing well?
4. Based on this passage, how can you improve?
5. With whom/when/where/how can you share this message?

Note: Every LG is free to decide on which set of questions (LGD questions or DBS questions) is to be used for LG discussion.