

WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?

Scripture Reading: Exodus 4:1-5

Introduction:

1. E.g. -MacGyver could take little objects and accomplish amazing task with them.
2. With God, amazing things can be done with what we have been given.

Proposition: God has given each of us something we can and should use for God.

Interrogative: What do we have in our hands?

Transition: To see what God has given, let us consider...

I. WHAT HE GAVE TO OTHERS IN SCRIPTURE

A. MOSES

1. He held a rod in his hand –Ex 4:1-5
2. Nothing significant in itself, but powerful when God is in it.
3. Generations later remembered the power of God
 - a. Rahab –Jo 2:9-11
 - b. Philistines -1Sa 6:6

B. DAVID

1. He held a sling and five smooth stones -1Sa 17:40
2. God used these to destroy Goliath

C. THE SMALL BOY

1. He held five loaves and two fish –Jn 6:9
2. Jesus used this to feed five-thousand men not counting the women and children

II. WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR HANDS

A. TIME

1. God gives man time to repent
 - a. He desires all to come to the knowledge of the truth -1Ti 2:4
 - b. He isn't willing that any should perish -2Pe 3:9
2. God gives man time to work (to please Him)
 - a. We are to redeem the time –Ep 5:16
 - b. Jesus said that He must work while it is day –Jn 9:4

B. TALENT

1. Everyone has a talent or ability –Mt 25:14-ff
2. Using what we have can involve our opportunities.

C. GOSPEL

1. The gospel is the power of God to salvation –Ro 1:16
2. The power is in the message, not the messenger –He 4:12
3. When we plant the seed, we succeed -2Pe 2:5

Conclusion:

1. Remember it is not what we have, but what we do with what we have that makes the difference.
2. Let our goal be to use what we have for God.