

# MATTHEW 24:40-51

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### STEP 1 - PRAY FOR GOD TO GIVE UNDERSTANDING

### STEP 2 - READ TEXT

 Read the text: Matthew 24:40-51

### STEP 3 - ACTIVITY

 If possible, split the group into smaller groups for this activity. No more than three groups.

Each group has the responsibility of taking a list of items that can easily create entitlement in a person. Have them be creative and write a story of an individual that becomes entitled using the elements on the list. They can make up a name for their fictitious character and write 2-3 paragraphs of how they become entitled. Have them share with the rest of the group when they are done.

List 1	List 2	List 3
\$100 bill	1 hour	65" TV
Hummer	Cashew Chicken	Overcooked Steak
Tall height	CEO job	Jewelry
Friends with mayor	Runs fast	Throws a nice spiral

Drone	Owens a boat	Nice Watch
Anchovies	Big Mac	Wireless Remote
50 loaves of bread	A dog	Diehard Movie

EXAMPLE using List 3:

Harold Smith was a local banker. He grew up in the great state of Florida and was known for his collegiate career in football. Harold took the opportunity to tell everyone he knew that he throws a nice spiral, despite the fact that no one really cares anymore.

Harold was bored one evening, so he decided to go to a local area pub and sit in front of their 55" TV. Before Harold could even greet the wait staff, he complained that their TV's weren't large enough. "I can't even see the letter on their jersey" he said with a southern accent. The waitress rolled her eyes and ask him what he wanted for dinner. Steak it was.

Harold demanded the hostess to turn up the TV and change the channel. She said it's either this WNBA game, or Diehard... so Diehard movie it was. When the waitress returned to the table, he made mention of how much better looking than Bruce Willis he was, and he could act better than that guy.

Harold bit into his steak and immediately was angry. It was overcooked. He had ordered medium rare, but the steak clearly was medium. "Too much gray!" Harold said as he flung his plate across the table almost sending it crashing to the ground. In his haste, his favorite watch got splattered with some of the sauce on the steak. This was Harold's favorite piece of jewelry.

Harold thought to himself... if only I could throw a piece of meat like I could throw a pigskin... I'd throw this at the cook!

👉👉👉 POINT: By having fun and being creative, the goal here is to paint a picture of entitlement as being silly and not worth our time. Entitlement is the biggest opponent to wise stewardship, which in our sermon we talk about being important in our faithfulness to God.

## STEP 4 - QUESTION AND ANSWER

😬 DISCUSS: In the sermon we talk about how everyone will be held accountable for how they steward what God gives them. Discuss what it looks like to steward God's resources well.

✓ ANSWER: Push them to not just think about money and time, but the planet, relationships, technology, etc.

## STEP 5 - TAKE HOME AND DEEPER DISCUSSION

Are you a wise steward or an unwise steward?