



**The Bones Are Good. Now What?  
September 5-6, 2020**

**Matthew 25:14-30 (MSG)**

**James 2:14-17 (NLT)**

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**Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)**

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

**How do I wisely steward the house I've been given?**

**1** **Recognize I need God's help and receive it.**

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- **Trust that His way to live is the best way.**

**Deuteronomy 6:10-12 (MSG)**

When God, your God, ushers you into the land he promised through your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to give you, you're going to walk into large, bustling cities you didn't build, well-furnished houses you didn't buy, come upon wells you didn't dig, vineyards and olive orchards you didn't plant. When you take it all in and settle down, pleased and content, make sure you don't forget how you got there—God brought you out of slavery in Egypt.

- **Follow God's instructions on how to live**

**Psalms 119:105 (NLT)**

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**3** **Embrace what God has given.**

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**5** **Seize every opportunity God gives me.**

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