GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT
Study Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 9:7-10
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INTRODUCTION
The life that will live here on earth is short. We can never know when our time will be up. Today’s scripture tell us that whatever our hand finds to do – to do it with all our might. Let us study what the bible say about who our master is, and as servants of the Lord, how we ought to spend our days and our talents.

Read Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

Read Ecclesiastes 9:10 again – what does it mean to “do it with all your might?”

Ecclesiastes 9:10 tells us to do things with all our might, because when we die – there will be no more opportunity to do so. How will this influence how you spend your time/days? How should this influence how you view each waking moment?

Read Colossians 3:17 – what instruction does it give us? How will this impact how you live each day?

GROUP DISCUSSION: As Christians, we are ambassadors of Christ. What does that mean?
Let us look at the Parable of the bags of gold. Read Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV Version)

Reading verse 14 – what key word can you find about the master and the servant? Our days and our talents cannot be taken for granted, but what how should we see it?

Reading verse 15 – each were given bags of gold, according to what? What does that mean for us individually?

Reading verses 19-20 & 22 – what did the two do with what they have been entrusted with?

Reading verses 21 & 23 – how did the master respond to the two?

Reading verses 24 & 25 – what did the servant with the one bag do? Why did he do that?
Reading verse 26 & 27 – how did the master respond to the servant? What did he call the servant?

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What principles for living can we learn from this story and from verses 27-29?

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GROUP DISCUSSION: Looking at what God has entrusted you with – whether in ministry, family or work – can you be trusted? Are you being faithful with what you have now? Can you be trusted with more?

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FURTHER DISCUSSION: If you were to give something your best shot – what does that take? What character or discipline do you need to practise?

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POINTS TO HELP YOU GIVE YOUR BEST SHOT

(1) Do you very best – be diligent (and not careless), attentive and persistent.
(2) Make yourself count by being useful. A person that can be trusted and be counted on. Read Colossians 3:22 – what can you learn?
(3) Create a career, and not simply just doing a job – catch the anointing of excellence
(4) Do your best now while you have the strength to live the fullest

Fear the Lord and go for the applause of One (God)

Those who know their God will do mighty exploits!