

# the **REAL DEAL** or **STEAL**

## What's Your Teleological Trajectory?

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### Sermon Outline Notes

## **Telos is not only a Goal to be reached BUT A TRAJECTORY OF LIFE THAT IS GUIDED BY OUR FUTURE HOPE**

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.*  
1 John 3:1-3

### **I. Luke 10:1-3 Real**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

### **A Real Trajectory of Life is OUTWARD, GROWING & REPRODUCING**

*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.* Romans 12:1 MSG

### **II. Matthew 25:24-30 ESV**

<sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received

what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.<sup>1</sup>

## **A Deal Trajectory of Life is RANDOM, MAINTENANCE & STATUS QUO**

*“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. <sup>15</sup> I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. Revelation 3:14-16*

### **III. John 10:1-5 Steal**

<sup>1</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! <sup>2</sup> But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They won’t follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don’t know his voice.”

Telos, what it is and what it isn’t (it’s not found in fear, position, a title, money, etc...)

## **A Steal Trajectory of Life is SELF-FOCUSED, REVERTING & STAGNANT**

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10*

*The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. 1 John 3:8b*