

Diligent Stewardship

Matthew 25:14-30



Parable of the Talents

The Parable of the Talents is a call for all believers to gospel readiness marked by diligence in our stewardship of the gifts that He has entrusted us with in order to advance His Kingdom.



Matthew 25:14-30

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.



Matthew 25:14-30 (cont.)

Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.



Matthew 25:14-30 (cont.)

But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.



Matthew 25:14-30 (cont.)

And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.'



Matthew 25:14-30 (cont.)

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ...



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Matthew 25:14-30 (cont.)

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, so I was afraid, ...



Matthew 25:14-30 (cont.)

and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 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? ...



Matthew 25:14-30 (cont.)

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. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.



Matthew 25:14-30 (cont.)

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. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



Diligent Stewardship:

1. Responsibility of Stewardship
2. Graciousness of Stewardship
3. Faithfulness of Stewardship
4. Motivation for Stewardship



1. Responsibility of Stewardship



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“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property... Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.” (v.14, 19)



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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
1 Peter 2:9



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2. Graciousness of Stewardship



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"To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away." (v.15)



2. Graciousness of Stewardship

"Talent can mean gifts of knowledge, health, strength, time, intellect, opportunities, season life (student, empty nester), responsibilities (i.e., our jobs or vocation). People (a spouse, children, friend), natural abilities (talent as we think of the word)..."



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It includes "spiritual gifts" as Peter and Paul called them, such as gifts of teaching, administration, mercy, healing, and so on."

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C) By His grace, God expects us to employ all the strength he supplies to invest what he entrusts to us.



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...If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:11



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'You wicked and slothful servant! ...' (v.26)



3. Faithfulness of Stewardship

"Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth"
Proverbs 10:4



3. Faithfulness of Stewardship

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.
James 4:17



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4. Motivation for Stewardship



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A "Woo" and a "Whoa!"



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4. Motivation for Stewardship

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' (v.19-21)



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Praise filled approval - "Well done, good and faithful servant."



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More responsibility - "You have been faithful over little; I will set you over much."



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"[Jesus] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."
Titus 2:14



4. Motivation for Stewardship

"Heavenly rewards are not beds of rest; they are posts of duty."



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His joy - "Enter the joy of your master."



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