

The Value of Values

Value #4: Giving Generously With Intentionality

Matthew 25:14-30

God owns everything.

📖 Matthew 25:14 (NIV84) “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.”

📖 Psalm 24:1 (NIV84) “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;”

God entrusts us with some things.

📖 Matthew 25:15 (NIV84) “To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.”

📖 Matthew 25:16–18 (NIV84) “The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.”

God expects us to grow those things.

📖 Matthew 25:19 (NIV84) “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.”

Risk & Reward

📖 Matthew 25:20–23 (NIV84) “The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’ ²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²² “The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’ ²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

Fear & Regret

📖 Matthew 25:24–25 (NIV84) “Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’”

📖 Matthew 25:26–30 (NIV84) “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ “ ‘Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Digging Deeper: Fear keeps us from using our talents. What are you afraid of?



Is the fear of failure keeping you from doing something God wants you to do? Are you investing your talents or burying them? Are you ready for Christ’s return? What is God calling you to do today? What risk do you need to take to hear God say, “Well done!”