

The Blessing of Being Generous with Our Talent

More Blessed #3 – Pastor Gary Combs – January 26, 2020 – Matthew 25:14-30

Matthew 25:14-30 (ESV) ¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ 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.' ²¹ 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.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³ 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.' ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ 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? ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

How to experience the blessing of being generous with our talents:

1. Recognize God as the _____.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6, Philippians 4:13

2. Understand God's _____.

1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:6-8

The Faithful Steward		The Slothful Steward	
Sense of Urgency/Initiative	"Went at once" (v.16)	No initiative/urgency	"Dug in the ground" (v.18)
Worked/risked talents	"Traded with" (v.16)	No work/effort	"Hid talent" (v.18, 25)
Increased/grew talents	"Made more" (v.16)	Full of excuses	"Knew you to be hard" (v.24)
Good manager	"Good" (v.21, 23)	Fearful not faithful	"I was afraid" (v.25)
Reliable/dependable worker	"Faithful" (v.21, 23)	Bad manager	"Wicked..worthless" (v.26, 30)
Does the little things	"Faithful over little" (v.21, 23)	Lazy unambitious slacker	"Slothful" (v.26)
Got promoted	"Set over much" (v.21, 23)	Lost all. Got Fired!	"Take talent" (v.28)

3. Live for God's _____.

Galatians 1:10