HOW MUCH DO YOU OWN?

What God Wants You To Know - Part 3

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**Matthew 25:29 (NLT) Memory Verse**
To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

**TRUTH TO KNOW**

I believe that everything I have **Belongs** to God and that I am to be a

**Good ( Faithful) Steward** for His glory.

The Parable of the **Three Servants**

**Matthew 25:14-30 (NLT)**
“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been **faithful** in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and **faithful** servant. You have been **faithful** in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**BEING A FAITHFUL STEWARD *(Manager)* MEANS:**

* Managing my **Time** in a God honoring way

**Psalm 90:12 (NLT)**
Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom.

**1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)**
So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

* Managing my **Treasure** in a God honoring way

 **Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)**
 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

 **Matthew 23:23 (TLB)**
...Yes, you should tithe, but you shouldn’t leave the more important things undone.

 **Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)**
 “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

* Managing my **Talent** in a God honoring way

 **Ephesians 2:10 (ICB)**
 God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would do good works. God had planned in advance those good works for us. He had planned for us to live our lives doing them.

 **1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)**
 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.