

“One Calling!”

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Principles Of The Parable:

A. The Principle Of Ownership—Everything Belongs To GOD!

Psalm 24:1, *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*

B. The Principle Of Allocation—Everyone Has OPPORTUNITY!

Proverbs 10:5, *He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, but he who sleeps in the harvest is a son who acts shamefully.*

C. The Principle Of Obligation—Everyone Is ACCOUNTABLE!

Luke 12:48, *...to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.*

D. The Principle Of Percentage—Generosity Is Based On Percentage And Never AMOUNT

Mark 12:43, *Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury."*

Three Lessons From The Parable:

1) Something Valuable Is ENTRUSTED To Everyone

Matthew 25:14, *“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to*

them. ¹⁵To 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.”

❖ **Option #1: We Can Waste It—Makes Us FOOLISH!**

❖ **Option #2: We Can Spend It—Makes Us AVERAGE!**

❖ **Option #3: We Can Invest It—Makes Us WISE!**

Deuteronomy 8:18, *But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth...*

2) Something Significant Is EXPECTED Of Everyone

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

❖ **He Could Have Been Lazy, Scared Or SELFISH**

3) Something Permanent Is CONCLUDED About Everyone

Matthew 25:19, *“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts ...²⁰... ‘Master ... 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... ‘Master ... you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’ ...²⁴... ‘Master ... I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was*

afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’²⁶“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? ²⁷Well 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.’”

Three Areas Of Evaluation:

❖ **Your SERVICE**

1 Corinthians 3:8, ...each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

❖ **Your RESOURCES**

1 Peter 4:10, Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

❖ **Your FAITH**

Romans 10:9, That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved ...