

Sermon Notes | The Parable of the Talents - Matthew 25:14–30

Big Idea: Be faithful with what God has given you.

1. God Has Made You a Manager

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property." (v.14)

- God entrusts us with:
 - **Spiritual possessions** (Holy Spirit, gospel, spiritual gifts)
 - **Physical possessions** (time, talent, treasures)
 - **Relational possessions**

"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

2. You Must Be Faithful with What You Have

"He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more." (vv.16–17)

- **Faithfulness is the goal, not output.**

"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.21)

- Faithful stewardship requires **eagerness, risk, and obedience.**

3. Your Management Will Be Evaluated

"But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant!... You ought to have invested my money with the bankers.'" (vv.26–27)

- **Your effort reveals your heart.**
- **Neglecting God's gifts results in loss.**

"For to everyone who has will more be given... But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." (vv.29–30)

- **God will reward faithful servants.**

"Enter into the joy of your master." (v.21)

Application & Reflection

- Make a list of what God has given you.
- Develop a plan and seek accountability.
- Ask: *What do I need to stop, start, or continue?*
- Worship God by faithfully stewarding His gifts.

Discussion Guide | The Parable of the Talents - Matthew 25:14

Read Matthew 25:14–30

- What did God speak to you through this weekend's message?
- How do you view the difference between what you own and what God owns?
- What areas of your life are hardest to see as belonging to God?
- How have you stewarded the spiritual opportunities God has given you?
- What is God challenging you to be more faithful with right now?
- What are some practical ways you can begin being faithful with what God has given?