

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant

Parable = Earthly story with a heavenly meaning

It's how Jesus used everyday objects to teach spiritual lessons

Steward/Servant = a person who manages someone else's property

Stewardship = is to utilize and manage well all the resources God has entrusted to us, to his satisfaction, and for his Glory

1. We all want to hear God say well done. To hear those words, you must be a good servant/ a good steward which takes prayer, planning, discipline and intentionality.
2. Time, Talent, Treasure, Temple
3. The Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30
 - a. It's the master's property (It all belongs to God)
 - b. Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the LORD'S and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein
 - c. We belong to God. "You have been bought with a price"
 - d. The master gives his gold to his servants as stewards/ managers
 - e. The gold is given according to each one's ability
 - f. There is a day of accounting or reckoning
 - g. How well you do, depends on how well you have invested or used what the master entrusted to you
 - h. NO EXCUSES!!!!
4. Since we all know that a day of accounting is coming shouldn't we be managing what God has given us to the best of our ability?
 - a. Acknowledges God's total ownership
 - b. Learn and apply the principles from the Bible on how to use and manage Time, Talent, Treasure, Temple
 - c. Take a class or read a book
 - d. Check your attitude

Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Bags of Gold

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received

five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. 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 two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; 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!' 24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold 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 gold 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? 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 "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Luke 16:10-11

10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"