

Make Room for Stewardship
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Jesus wants us to know the choices we make in this life will affect our eternal destination.

Matthew 25:14, *“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.*

Matthew 25:15, *And to one he gave five talents to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.*

We’ve all been given different gifts, abilities and resources. Our job is not to compare ourselves with others. Our responsibility is to be a good steward of everything that the Lord has given us.

One day we’re all going to have to give an account of the talents that the Lord has given us.

Matthew 25:18, *But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰“So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents;*

Everything we have is a gift from the Lord. He owns it and we are the stewards of all He has entrusted to us.

Matthew 25:20, *...look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ ²¹His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over*

a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

As followers of Jesus, we have a responsibility to bear fruit with the gifts and resources that the Lord has given us.

How can I make the best use of what the Lord has entrusted to me?

Matthew 25:24, *"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'*

Matthew 25:26, *"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.*

When we stand before the Lord, we're not going to be able to make excuses.

Matthew 25:29, *'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*