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A Generous Life: The Beauty of Giving

Faithfulness and Generosity

Matthew 25:14–30 (HCSB)

“For it is just like a man going on a journey. He called his own slaves and turned over his possessions to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents; to another, two; and to another, one - to each according to his own ability. Then he went on a journey. Immediately ¹⁶ the man who had received five talents went, put them to work, and earned five more. ¹⁷ In the same way the man with two earned two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five talents approached, presented five more talents, and said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. Look, I’ve earned five more talents.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy!’ ²² Then the man with two talents also approached. He said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. Look, I’ve earned two more talents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy!’ ²⁴ Then the man who had received one talent also approached and said, ‘Master, I know you. You’re a difficult man, reaping where you haven’t sown and gathering where you haven’t scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. Look, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master replied to him, ‘You evil, lazy slave! If you knew that I reap where I haven’t sown and gather where I haven’t scattered, ²⁷ then you should have deposited my money with the bankers. And when I returned, I would have received my money back with interest. ²⁸ ‘So take the talent from him and give it to the one who has 10 talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have more than enough. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be

taken away from him. ³⁰ And throw this good-for-nothing slave into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

1. BEING A _____ STEWARD LEADS TO KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT vv 14-17

- God sees our stewardship _____.
- God expects us to use what He gives us to the fullest.
- God _____ what we sow.

2. BEING A _____ STEWARD LEADS TO CONDEMNATION vv 18; 24-30

- We see our stewardship limitations.
- Lack of production doesn’t anger the master; our lack of _____ does.
- Don’t be _____ to share what God has given you.

3. GOD IS LOOKING FOR _____ WITH OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES vv 19-23

- Our generosity and faithfulness are met with God’s approval.
- God _____ His faithful servants.

4. GOD’S _____ IS DIFFERENT THAN OURS

- We think in terms of equal _____; God thinks in terms of kingdom potential.
- Generosity is the fuel of God’s economy.
- God rewards _____ over fear.

The Next Step:

Live a life of generosity and discover the reward God has for you.