

RECEIPTS:

What I Spend

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Notes:

Jesus tells a story where three men receive lavish amounts of money – years' worth of wages – from their master. Two invest the money wisely and joyously. The third is fearful and foolish. We have been lavishly blessed by God! When we spend our money, are we wise and joyful, or fearful and foolish?

¹⁴ “For it is just like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent, depending on each one’s ability. Then he went on a journey. ¹⁶ Immediately 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 servants 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. See, I’ve earned five more talents.’ ²¹ “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’ ²² “The man with two talents also approached. He said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I’ve earned two more talents.’ ²³ “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’ ²⁴ “The man who had received one talent also approached and said, ‘Master, I know you. You’re a harsh 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. See, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ “His master replied to him, ‘You evil, lazy servant! 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 I would have received my money back with interest when I returned.’”

– Matthew 25:14-27, CSB

My Next Step(s):

- I will examine my receipts and ask myself how it reflects my priorities.
- I will respond faithfully to (with) God’s generous gifts.
- I will avoid the financial errors of *recklessness* and *paralysis*.
- I will strive to be faithful and fruitful, rather than fearful and foolish.

Memory Verse: His master said to him, “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.” - Matthew 25:21, ESV

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HOW WHAT YOU SPEND REVEALS WHO YOU LOVE

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ADDRESS		ADDRESS		658801
CITY, STATE, ZIP		CITY, STATE, ZIP		Invoice
CUSTOMER ORDER NO.	SOLD BY	TERMS		



How have the words of Jesus
served to renew your heart,
mind, body, and/or soul?



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PARABLE:

A simple story meant to teach a transcendent truth about the way things work in the kingdom of God.

¹⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is just like a man going on a journey. He called his servants 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.”

MATTHEW 25:14-15

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."

MATTHEW 25:15-18

**If the master went on a journey
immediately ...**

**If the servants put the money to
work immediately ...**

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MATTHEW 25:19-20

²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’

MATTHEW 25:21

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MATTHEW 25:22-23

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MATTHEW 25:24-25

²⁶ ‘You evil, lazy servant! 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 I would have received my money back with interest when I returned.’”

MATTHEW 25:26-27

#1

Money management
includes the possibility
of making mistakes.

Recklessness: when we *don't heed*
what we *do know*

Paralysis: when we are too scared of
what we don't know

**Contentment: when we are
comfortable**

#2

What we think is little is
actually great.

**What has God given you that you
may not be valuing fully?**

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Homework: Start Your Blessing List

My soul, bless the LORD, and do not forget all
His benefits.

PSALM 103:2

#3

What we think is great
is actually little.

“You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.”

MATTHEW 25:21 & 23

#4

Faithfulness and
fruitfulness go
hand in hand.

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10

When we say, “Worship”
When we say, “Grow”
When we say, “Serve”

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21