

## 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?

<sup>14</sup> “For it is just like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> Immediately the man who had received five talents went, put them to work, and earned five more. <sup>17</sup> In the same way the man with two earned two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup> “After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> 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.’ <sup>21</sup> “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.’ <sup>22</sup> “The man with two talents also approached. He said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I’ve earned two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup> “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.’ <sup>24</sup> “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. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> “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, <sup>27</sup> 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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