

DIVING DEEPER

1. Why do you think Jesus used money as the metaphor in this parable? How might that have impacted His original audience?
2. What do you think the “talents” represent in our lives today? How does this influence how we interpret the story? 3) The master gives “each according to his ability.” What does that say about God’s expectations of us?
3. What would it look like this week to trust God more deeply with your talents— especially in ways that serve others or build His Kingdom?
4. Have you ever felt afraid of “messing up” something God gave you? What helped you move forward—or what’s holding you back now?
5. How can this parable help us prepare for Christ’s return without becoming anxious or overly focused on performance?

Bible Baptist Church BIBLE STUDY

FINANCIAL FITNESS (WEEK 1) *The Foundation of Financial Health* MATTHEW 25:15-30



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GOD SPEAKS

SEVEN PRINCIPLES TOWARDS FINANCIAL HEALTH

1. _____: EVERYTHING I HAVE BELONGS TO GOD.

"To one servant he gave five talents of money, to another two talents of money, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he left on his journey." **Matthew 25:15**

2. _____: GOD HAS LOANED ME MONEY.

"The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents also doubled his money. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and just hid his master's money." **Matthew 25:16-18**

"After a long time the Master of the three servants returned to settle his accounts." **Matthew 25:19**

3. _____: ONE DAY GOD WILL AUDIT ME.

"The man who had received five talents brought the other five he had made. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'" **Matthew 25:20-21**

"Then the servant with the two talents of money also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; now see that I have gained two more!' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'" **Matthew 25:22-23**

"Then the man who had received the one talent 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. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant!'" **Matthew 25:24-26**

"You should have at least put my money into the bank so I could make some interest!" **Matthew 25:27**

4. _____: I MUST WIDELY USE GOD'S MONEY.

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. **Matthew 25:26**

5. _____: I MUST MOVE AGAINST MY FEARS.

"I was afraid and went out and hid your money in the ground." **Matthew 25:25**

"Take away the money from this servant and give it to the one with ten talents. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance! But for those who are unfaithful, even what little they have will be taken away." **Matthew 25:28-29**

6. _____: IF I DON'T USE IT, I'LL LOSE IT.

²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has ten talents. **Matthew 25:28**

7. _____: GOD WILL REWARD ME FOR GOOD MANAGEMENT.

"The Master replied, 'Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will now put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!'" **Matthew 25:21**

GOD INVITES

Dear God, I realize that everything I have belongs to you. Nothing is really mine; you just loaned it to me. I realize that everything I have is a gift from you and it comes from you and one day it will all return to you. I realize, Lord, that one day you're going to do an audit of my life and you're going to ask me to give an account of what I did with what I was given. I want to practice these principles. I want to wisely use your money. I want to learn the principles of financial fitness. Then I want to move against my fears and do the right thing whether I feel like it or not. Lord, I didn't get in the mess I'm in overnight. But I want to learn the little by little principle. As we learn about these areas in the month of Stewardship, I want to not just be spiritually free and emotionally free and relationally free, but I want to be financially free. I realize that if I don't use it, I'll lose it. But I also realize that if I use it wisely that you have promised to reward me for good management. In Jesus name, Amen!!!