

1. **GOD LOVES YOU** and wants you to have **eternal life with Him**.

*John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."*

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

2. Man has a **SIN problem** which **SEPARATES** him from GOD. Every one has sinned.

*Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*

3. The **good news** is that **JESUS CHRIST** is God's **solution** to your sin problem. He is the **ONLY way** to heaven.

*1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once and for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."*

4. Therefore you must **REPENT** of your sins and place your **FAITH** in **JESUS alone** to **save** you.

*Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."*

5. Upon believing and receiving Jesus, you have a **NEW LIFE** with complete assurance of **SALVATION**.

*1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."*

### On Investing for Eternity. Be a Wise Investor/ Manager of God's Resources

Matthew 25:14-30

In the Parable of the talents, there was the master who summoned the three slaves and entrusted his property to them. They were given five, three and two talents each according to their ability.

What is a slave?

The word doulos (δουλος) comes from deo (δεο) which means "to bind." the chief idea here is that the slave is bound to his master. In the Roman times when Jesus lived, a slave was bound to his master, dependent fully on his master and was expected total obedience otherwise they face punishment.

When Jesus spoke his parables he wanted his audience to identify with the character of his parables, so if we are to identify with the character of this parable we are all slaves to Christ. Even Paul himself calls himself as slave to Christ "

We are slaves and have one master. We are completely and constantly to be available to that one master, and we have one consuming reason to live and that was to please that one master.

In Acts 17:24, we are constantly reminded that the God, who made the world and everything in it, is the Lord of heaven and earth.

Though the emphasis here is on money but it could be said that talents represent more in stewardship.

It could be our skills, abilities, time, energy, resources.

Human logic will tell us that the 3rd slave with the one talent was short changed.

How about us—how many times have we looked at other people's house and wonder why our house is smaller?

How many times have we looked at other people's fancy cars and wonder why you continue to drive this more than 10 year old car that always breaks down on the roads?

How many times have we declined invitations to take responsibilities because we think other people are more talented, have more resources and more beautiful than we are.

How many times have we thought that life was unjust? Are we questioning the sovereignty of our master who is the giver of all?

The first two slaves went right away; they did not delay in their obedience to their master. For they don't know when will their master will be coming. We were being reminded that Jesus Christ can come anytime soon or our Father God can take us to Himself anytime.

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The third slave buried his talent for he was scared. Scared of what? Or do we pass on the blame of the miscarriages of ourselves to God. In what ways do you bury the talent that God has given you? Do we think He will forsake us? How big is your God compared to your circumstance? What is our perception of our God? We were also reminded in the sermon that our lives are so short, we needed to be faithful and to bear fruits on whatever God entrusted to us as slaves.

For we will all stand before God on Judgement Day. Will we be like the slave who had received the five talents and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents. (Matthew 25:21) "And his master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master. "'



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