

"Investing Wisely, Part II"

Matt 25:14-30

**Matt 25:14-30** *"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' 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. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

There are seven principles that will help me invest wisely.

I. Recognition - God owns it all.

**Ps 24:1 (KJV)** *The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; ....*

II. Allocation - God has given me some unique talents.

**Matt 25:14-15** *"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.*

III. Dedication - God expects me to use my talents.

**Rom 14:12** *So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.*

IV. Realization - God is faithful to me.

**Lam 3:22-23** *Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*

V. Consideration - Some things keep me from using my talents.

A. Fear

**Matt 25:25** *And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. ....'*

There are three kinds of fear that can hold me back.

1. Self-doubt.
2. Self-consciousness.
3. Self-pity.

B. Sin

**Matt 25:26** *But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, ....*

**II Tim 4:10** *for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, ....*

**Jer 17:9** *"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"*

C. Laziness.

**Matt 25:26** *But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, ....*

VI. Application - Use it or lose it.

**Matt 25:28** *Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.*

God has the right to take away anything in my life that I don't invest for Him.

**Mal 3:10** *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.*

VII. Compensation - I will be rewarded.

**Matt 25:23** *His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

How will I be rewarded?

A. I get the affirmation of God.

**Matt 25:23** *His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; ....'*

B. I get the promotion of God.

**Matt 25:23** *His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. ....'*

C. I get the celebration of God.

**Matt 25:23** *.... Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

With God's help, I can invest wisely.