

MORE: WHY YOU DON' T HAVE IT. HOW YOU CAN GET IT.

LIFE GROUP NOTES

MATT 25:14-30 (NKJV)

Pt. 1 – Principles for MORE

1. I Have MORE Than WHAT I DESERVE.

“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.” *Matt. 25:14 (NKJV)*

- What goods or gifts from God have been entrusted to you?
- What would be one gift or resource that you have received from God that you would like to be a better steward of or would like to be more proactive in developing?

2. I Will Not Have MORE Than MY ABILITY ALLOWS.

“15 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.” *Matt. 25:15 (NKJV)*

- Have you ever found yourself looking at gifts others have been given and wondering why you don' t have the same or more?
- What do you think it means “according to his own ability” ?

3. I Can Get MORE, If I AM FAITHFUL WITH WHAT I HAVE.

“Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord' s money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 “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.’ 21 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.’ 22 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.’ 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.’

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- Can you think of an example in your life or in the life of someone you know, where God has blessed them for being responsible with the gift or goods they received?
- What is the danger in looking at what others have been given versus focusing on what God has given you to be responsible for?

4. SIN and LAZINESS Keep Me From Having MORE.

“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. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ 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. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.” *Matt. 25:24-27 (NKJV)*

- What are some examples of ways people can be irresponsible with what they have been given responsibility for?

5. God Is EAGER to Give MORE To Those Who ARE FAITHFUL.

“Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 ‘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. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ” *Matt. 25:28-30 (NKJV)*

- How can we make better, more responsible decisions in our lives, especially with the resources God has provided for us?