

# Investing The Blessings of God

## Matthew 25:14-30

The Most PRACTICAL Parable Jesus told may be found on Matthew 25.

This Parable shows us How God TREATS US, How He REACTS to us & How, Often, We MISUSE God's Blessings...

### 1. GOD ENTRUSTS HIS WEALTH TO HIS SERVANTS.

- *Time, Talents, Treasures, Money, Abilities, Gifts* are Synonyms for the same thing.
- This *Master Represents* GOD, who *has* Everything.
- WE are the Servants & God Distributes *HIS Wealth* among US.
- GOD Gives to each of them "According to His Ability." (v.15)

### 2. GOD WILL CALL HIS SERVANTS TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT.

- To the Five & Two Talent men, the *Master says*, "Well Done, Good & Faithful Servant. You have been Faithful over a Few things. *I'll give you* MANY."
- The Master calls the One Talent man a "Wicked, Lazy Servant" & "Worthless Servant."
- Most of us Identify with this One Talent man MORE than the Five or Two Talent men.
- The One Talent man didn't Steal or Embezzle his Master's Talents, He just Didn't INVEST it.

### 3. WHAT WAS THE ONE TALENT MAN'S BIGGEST PROBLEM?

- We have to wonder if he somehow *Felt* INFERIOR.
- When you're Rubbing Shoulders with Five & Two Talent people, it's *Easy to* Identify yourself as a One Talent person.
- Jesus tells us this *Man was also* AFRAID.
- Yes, God has Expectations, *No Question*, but *God is* NOT Harsh.
- *God's Word Never Commands us to* "Be SUCCESSFUL."
- "Be Faithful" & GOD will Provide the Increase.
- You *Don't* LOSE Talents by Investing them...You LOSE Talents by Burying them!
- Jesus Challenges us to INVEST & REINVEST into the Kingdom of God.