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THE GRACE-GOVERNED LIFE
Dependent on What God Has Provided

PART 2

ENTRUSTED BY GOD

What Are You Doing With What You Have Received?
(Matthew 25:14-30)

INTRODUCTION:

- **STEWARDSHIP, LIKE EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, IS GOVERNED BY GRACE AND IS A MATTER OF TRUST.**

THE _____ CONTEXT: MATTHEW AND THE PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Q1. _____ PARABLES?

“And He spoke many things to them in parables,...”

—Matthew 13:3a

1. Stories of _____ drawn from daily experience to illustrate a fundamental, _____ truth.
2. They often follow a _____-part structure (segments, events, people, etc.) and include _____ (emphasis on the last in the listing) to drive home the primary _____ point.

Q2. _____ PARABLES?

And the disciples came and said..., “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

—Matthew 13:10

1. To further _____ truth to those who had _____ the kingdom of God – the King and His Message. (v. 11a, 12a, 16)
“To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,...”
—Matthew 13:11a
2. To further _____ truth to those who had _____ the kingdom of God – the King and His Message. (v. 11b, 12b-15)
“...Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand...”

—Matthew 13:12b-14a

- **NOT EVERYONE WHO _____ TO BE OR WHO _____ TO BE IS _____ THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

THE _____ CONTEXT: THE PRIVATELY DELIVERED OLIVET DISCOURSE (MATTHEW 24-25) IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS OF THE DISCIPLES (24:3).

“As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming...?’”

—Matthew 24:3

THE PARABLE:

1A. THE _____ OF THE MASTER'S _____ . (v. 14-15)

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.”

2A. THE _____ OF THE SLAVES' _____ . (v. 16-18)

“To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.”

3A. THE _____ OF _____ . (v. 19-30)

“Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.”

1B. The First Servant: His _____ Report and _____ . (v. 20-21)

2B. The Second Servant: His _____ Report and _____ . (v. 22-23)

3B. The Third Servant: His _____ and _____ Report and _____ . (v. 24-30)

THE PRINCIPLES:

- 1. For all men, life is _____ .*
- 2. God is the _____, I am the _____ .*
- 3. God has _____ to us (“placed in our hands”) the resources and opportunities which we now experience.*
- 4. I will give an _____ of my stewardship.*
- 5. I will be _____ on the basis of my _____ in the discharge of my stewardship responsibility.*
- 6. While my _____ will have a great _____ on my stewardship, it can never be an _____ for my irresponsibility.*
- 7. While the Master may _____ his return, the servant must not _____ his responsibility.*

CONCLUSION:

“For to everyone who has shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.”

—Matthew 25:29