



Reflection Questions

March 15, 2026

Charity vs. Coerced Redistribution

Matthew 25:14-30

This week, we explore Jesus' Parable of the Talents, examining how God calls each of us to be faithful stewards of what He has entrusted to us. Challenging us to recognize that socialism's forced redistribution stands in stark contrast to the biblical model of voluntary, Spirit-led generosity.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does the parable of the talents challenge our modern assumptions about equality, and what is the difference between equality of value versus equality of ability?
2. In what ways might we be like the third servant, hiding our talents out of fear, laziness, or resentment rather than investing them for God's kingdom?
3. How does the instinct that things are wrong in the world point to the existence of God and an objective standard of right? What are the implications if we reject this?
4. Why is voluntary charity fundamentally different from government-mandated redistribution of wealth, and how does this distinction affect both the giver and the receiver?
5. What does it mean to be a faithful steward of your time, treasure, and talents, and how can you practically invest these for the Master's mission in your current season of life?
6. How can the church balance meeting people's physical needs while ensuring we do not neglect their greater spiritual need for the gospel of Jesus Christ?
7. What dangers arise when we compare our gifts and abilities to others, and how does focusing on what God has given someone else lead to covetousness?
8. The third servant accused his master of being hard and unfair. How might our own complaints about God's distribution of blessings reveal the true condition of our hearts?
9. In what ways have you been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, and how does recognizing this spiritual wealth motivate you to serve others?