

# MANAGING MY MONEY

## VITALS – PART 4

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<sup>14</sup> “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. <sup>15</sup> He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. <sup>16</sup> “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. <sup>17</sup> The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. <sup>18</sup> But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. <sup>19</sup> “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. <sup>20</sup> The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ <sup>21</sup> “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ <sup>22</sup> “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ <sup>23</sup> “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ <sup>24</sup> “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. <sup>25</sup> I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ <sup>26</sup> “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, <sup>27</sup> why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ <sup>28</sup> “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. <sup>29</sup> To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Matthew 25:14–30 (NLT)

## FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

**GOD OWNS IT & LOANS IT.**

*He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them...(14)*

*“Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.”  
(1 Chronicles 29:12, NLT)*

*After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money (19)*

*“And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?” (Luke 16:11, NLT)*

*“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”  
(1 Corinthians 4:2, NIV)*

## **AS A MANAGER OF GOD’S MONEY, I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR...**

### **1. HOW I SEE IT.**

*“You cannot be the slave of two masters! You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Matthew 6:24, CEV)*

### **2. HOW I SECURE IT.**

*“Instead, remember that the LORD your God gives you the strength to make a living.” (Deuteronomy 8:18a, CEV)*

### **3. HOW I SAVE IT.**

*“The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.” (Proverbs 21:20, The Living Bible)*

### **4. HOW I SPEND IT.**

*“Riches can disappear fast...—so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and your herds;” (Proverbs 27:23, The Living Bible)*

*“Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough.” (Proverbs 21:5, GNB)*

### **5. HOW I SURRENDER IT.**

*“Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income...” (Proverbs 3:9, The Living Bible)*

*“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.” (Deuteronomy 14:23c, The Living Bible)*

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