

Work Your 2

Mathew 25:14-30 NIV

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ ²¹“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with **two** bags of gold; see, I have gained **two** more.’ ²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ ²⁶“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

You have to work your 2. This message is about:

- 1. Identity** – If you know who you are, you never will need to be someone else. Our identity is not found in anything else except Christ. It is not found in our income, relationship status, education, the clothes you wear, kids or your race. Our identity is only found in Christ.
- 2. Confidence** – Know who you are in Him and be good with that. Satan tries to use the success of others to chip away our confidence in God. Don't allow it; don't cast away your confidence. You have to work your 2.
- 3. Gratitude** – Don't despise, look down on, or feel bad about what you have. What you have is better than so many other people. Get grateful again. Get a praise in your mouth. Go into thanksgiving and say, God I am not a 5, but I thank you that you have given me 2. I'm about to work my 2.
- 4. Faithfulness** – God doesn't start out with giving anyone much. He normally starts off giving us little and seeing if we can manage it. God is expecting you to take whatever he gives you and multiply it. We have to be faithful over the little before he gives us the much. You've got to work your 2.
- 5. Calling** – We are all called by God; say yes to that calling. Don't run or hide

from that calling, instead go towards it. You cannot be what others are called to be. You cannot do what others are called to do. You can only do what you are called to do.

I Corinthians 1:26-29 NIV

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him.