

FINANCIAL FITNESS

Seven Laws for Financial Freedom
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Key Verse:

Matthew 25:14 (NIV)

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

Seven Foundations for Financial Fitness

1. The law of possession: Everything I have belongs to God.

Matthew 25:15 (NRSV)

15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

2. The law of allocation: God has loaned me money.

Matthew 25:19 (NIV)

19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

3. The law of accountability: One day God will audit me.

Romans 14:12 (NIV)

12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Matthew 25:20-21a (NIV)

20 The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

Matthew 25:22 (NIV)

22 "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

Matthew 25:24-27 (NIV)

24 "Then the man who had received the one talent 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.

25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent 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?

27 Well 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.

4. The law of utilization: I must use God's money wisely.

Matthew 25:26 (NIV)

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?

5. The law of motivation: I must move against my fears.

Matthew 25:25 (NIV)

25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

Proverbs 29:25 (TLB)

25 Fear of man is a dangerous trap, but to trust in God means safety.

6. The law of application: If I don't use it, I lose it.

Matthew 25:28-29 (NLT2)

28 "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver.

29 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.

7. The law of compensation: Do will reward me for good money management.

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

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!'

Luke 16:11-13 (NIV)

11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

13 "EVNo servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."