

Living a Generous Life
How to Invest Your Life
Discover Church
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SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF INVESTING YOUR LIFE

1. **Ownership**: Everything I have **belongs** to God

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” Psalm 24:1

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.” Matthew 25:14

2. **Allocation**: God has given me some **talents**

“And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.” Matthew 25:15

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us” Romans 12:16

3. **Accountability**: God expects me to **use** my talents

“After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.” Matthew 25:19

“So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.” Romans 14:12

4. **Utilization**: It is wrong to **bury** my talents

“He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.” Matthew 25:16.

“So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.” Matthew 25:17

“But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.” Matthew 25:18

“You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested

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Matthew 25:26-27

5. **Motivation**: Fear keeps me from **developing** my talents

Three Kinds of Fear:

- Self-doubt
- Self-pity.
- Self-consciousness

“The fear of man is a snare.” Proverbs 29:25

“Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed” Matthew 25:24

6. **Application**: If I don't **use** it – I'll **lose** it

“So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.” Matthew 25:28

“Reverence for God adds hours to each day.” Proverbs 10: 27

7. **Compensation**: If I use it wisely, I'll be **rewarded**.

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’” Matthew 25:23

Three rewards:

- Affirmation
- Promotion
- Celebration

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven” Matthew 6:20