



**MAKING THE
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OUR TRUST**

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The Parable Of The Talents

- Matthew 25:14-30

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I. ESTABLISHING OWNERSHIP:

What Is It That The Owner Owns???

- The Workers
- The Land
- The Talents
- The Increase
- The Provisions
- The Future

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- **The Owner Is God**
- **We Are The Servants & Workers**

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- **The Bible says: God Owns Everything**
- **The Bible says: God Owns Every Being**
- **(Exo 19:5 b NIV)** ... the whole earth is mine,
- **(Psa 24:1 NIV)** The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

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- **(Ezek 18:4 NIV)** For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son--both alike belong to me.
- **(Rom 14:8 NIV)** If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

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- God Is The Owner He Owns Everything In The World & Every Person In The World

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2. ESTABLISHING STEWARDSHIP

- We Are Stewards Over What We Have Been Given
- A Steward Is The Person The Owner Puts In Charge Of Administering His Effects Or His Estate

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- **(1 Cor 4:1 NIV)** So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. (2) Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.
- **We Are Called To Make The Most Of The Trust We Have Been Given**

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HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR TRUST

- **The Wise Steward Is Content With What Has Been Given**
- **The Wise Steward Invests Wisely**
- **(Eph 5:15 NIV)** Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise,(16) making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

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- **It Is Not How Many Talents We Have, It Is What We Do With The Talents We Do Have**
- **The Wise Steward Seeks First The Kingdom**
- **(Mat 6:33 NIV)** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well

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- **It Is Not Material Things -- It Is Materialism That Is The Problem**
- **(Mat 6:21 NIV)** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- **(Mat 6:24 NIV)** "No one 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.

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The Unwise Steward Makes 3 Mistakes

1. I'll Do What I Want

2. There's Plenty Of Time

- **(John 9:4 NIV)** As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

3. I'm Too Busy To Serve God

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WHEN THE MASTER RETURNS:

- **(Rom 14:12 NIV)** So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.
- **To The One Who Has Been Faithful More Will Be Given**
- **To The One Unfaithful Even What He Has Will Be Taken**

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- **We Want Him To Find Us Being Faithful And Wise Stewards**
- **Making The Most Of Our Trust Is All About Living For God**
- **We Must Put God In First Place In Our Lives**

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- **Let's Be Those Who Make The Most Of Our Trust
And Let's Be Ready When He Returns**