

DON'T BURY YOUR TALENTS!

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Kingdom Living is:

The visible demonstration of the comprehensive rule of God over every area of life.

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And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

*But he who had received one went and **dug in the ground**, and hid his lord's money.*

Matthew 25:16-18 (NKJV)

Principles of Kingdom Economics and Life

1. God OWNS IT ALL, we are only STEWARDS.

*For the **kingdom of heaven** is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. **Matthew 25:14 (NKJV)***

What is a Steward?

One who manages another's possessions for the benefit of the owner.

A Kingdom Steward is...

One who faithfully manages and multiplies his or her **time**, **talents**, and **treasures** all for the glory of God.

2. God gives us what we have, ACCORDING TO OUR ABILITY.

*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 (NKJV)

3. A day of ACCOUNTING is coming.

Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more

also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and *settled accounts* with them. **Matthew 25:16-19 (NKJV)**

Each of us will give an *account of ourselves* to God. **Romans 14:12b (NIV)**

4. God expects us to **MULTIPLY** what He gives us!

"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have *gained five more talents* besides them. 'His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter in to the joy of your lord.'

He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have *gained two more talents* besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And *I was afraid*, and went and *hid your talent in the ground*. Look, there you have what is yours.'

"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You *wicked and lazy servant*, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have *received back my own with interest*. **Matthew 25:20-27 (NKJV)**

Fear is...

F-False
E-Evidence
A-Appearing
R-REAL

Fear is winning over Faith if...

- You allow people or circumstances to stop you.
- You refuse to take calculated risk.
- You refuse to put in the hard work necessary for success.

5. If we don't use it, **WE LOSE IT!**

*So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, **more will be given**, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has **will be taken away**. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'* **Matthew 25:28-30 (NKJV)**

