



5. Invest Faithfully and Productively – Multiplying Resources for Christ’s Kingdom

Jesus commends the faithful servant who puts the Master’s resources to work. We invest wisely—not out of greed, but out of faith in Christ—so that what God entrusts to us bears fruit for His glory and eternal purposes.

Key verses:

Matthew 25:14-30 (“Well done, good and faithful servant”)

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴“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. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ “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.’ ²¹ 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 into the joy of your lord.’ ²² 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.’ ²³ 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.’

²⁴ “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. ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.’

²⁶ “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. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

²⁹ ‘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. ³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Proverbs 13:22

A good *man* **leaves an inheritance** to his children’s children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

1 Chronicles 28:8

Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, **and** in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, **and leave it as an inheritance** for your children after you forever.

Application:

Manage savings and investments prayerfully and ethically, always asking how they can advance the gospel of the Kingdom of God and serve others in Jesus' name. Worship doesn't have to be a seminary degree, it can be plumbing, personal training, teaching, home-making, or raising a family faithfully.