

# DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE

## 1. Realize what you've been given.

- **Matthew 25:14–15** – For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
- Everything we have is entrusted, not owned.
- God has entrusted us with:
  - the Gospel
  - our gifts
  - our time
  - our influence
- Key truth: You are not just saved from something. You are entrusted with something.

## 2. Run the race God has set before you.

- **Matthew 25:16–17** – He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.
- The faithful servants went at once and put the talents to work.
- Key truth: Faithfulness is running your race, one step at a time, one day at a time.

## 3. Refuse to be paralyzed by fear.

- **Matthew 25:24–25** – He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.”

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- Fears that paralyze:
  - rejection
  - failure
  - unknown
- Key truth: Fear kills what faith multiplies.

## 4. Remember there will be a day.

- **Matthew 25:19** – Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
- Key truth: The goal of the Christian life is not comfort. The goal is faithfulness.

## 5. Recognize what your fruit reveals (Matthew 25:20–30).

- **Matthew 7:20** – You will recognize them by their fruits.
- Our works do not save us. But they reveal us.
- Key truth: Your fruit does not earn your salvation, but it does demonstrate your salvation.
- Final challenge:  
What have you buried that God has entrusted you with?  
What step will you take today to invest it, not bury it?

### Coming soon:

1. **Global Impact Sunday:** Join us next Sunday, March 15, as we take time to focus on what God is doing around the world and how we can get involved.
2. **Virtual Reality Experience:** Stop by the Connect Center to sign up for this 10-minute immersive glimpse into global church planting. It allows users to experience life in a location that has never had a church or heard about Jesus.
3. **Family Easter Breakfast:** Mark your calendars for a great family event on Saturday, March 28, from 9–11 am: pancakes, sausage, candy, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and the real Easter story communicated through Resurrection Eggs.
4. **Easter at DRC:** Not just a day to celebrate, it's the event that changed human history. Invite your friends and pray for a move of God—April 5 at 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am.