# **Entrusted**

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## **Key Perspective Shifts...**

- From <u>GETTING</u> to <u>GIVING</u>
- From <u>CONTROL</u> to <u>TRUST</u>

...because God is the **GENEROUS OWNER** 

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it, for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." - Psalm 24:1-2 NIV

#### Lessons from the Parable of the Talents....

Matthew 25:14-29

- God is the **OWNER** and He has **ENTRUSTED** us
  - <sup>14</sup> For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.
- We have been entrusted different <u>AMOUNTS</u>
  - <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
- Daily, we <u>MAKE CHOICES</u> with what we've been given
  - <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.







- God holds us **ACCOUNTABLE** for what we've been entrusted with
  - <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
  - <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> 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.'
  - <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> 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.'
  - <sup>24</sup> 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, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> 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.
- FAITHFUL stewards will be entrusted with MORE
  - <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.
  - <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

#### To live as one entrusted...

- I know where my money is <u>COMING</u> and <u>GOING</u>
- I check-in regularly with GOD, the OWNER
- I ask God to help me live a life of <u>GENEROSITY</u>

### **Memory Verse**

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Psalm 24:1 NIV

#### My Next Steps:

- o I'll memorize Psalm 24:1.
- o Today for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- o I'll pray and ask God for help... to plan, track, be generous, and not give up.
- o I'll register for Getting Traction with Money seminar on December 11th.

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