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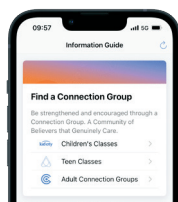
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# TRUSTING GOD IN STEWARDSHIP

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## Text: Matthew 25:14–30

*“For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*  
(Matthew 25:14–30)

## INTRODUCTION

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*“And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.” (Matthew 25:10)*

### **3 INTRODUCTORY PRINCIPLES FOR STEWARDS**

1. God is the Owner of All things – All Blessings Come From Him  
*“The earth is the LORD’s, and the fullness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein.” (Psalm 24:1)*
2. We are the Stewards of His Blessings  
*“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2)*

**Quote:** “The essence of life is not ownership it is stewardship.”

**Quote:** “If God was the owner, I was the manager. I needed to adopt a steward’s mentality toward the assets He had entrusted – not given – to me. A steward manages assets for the owner’s benefit. The steward carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It’s his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will.” — **Randy Alcorn**

3. We Will Give An Account of our Stewardship  
*“But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” (Romans 14:10–12)*

## 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ASSETS (v. 14-15)

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Resources

*“Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. 11 Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.”*  
(1 Chronicles 29:10-12)

**Quote:** “Let us walk as stewards and not act as owners, keeping for ourselves the means with which the Lord has entrusted us. He has not blessed us that we may gratify our own carnal mind but for the sake of using our money in His service and to His praise.” —  
**George Muller**

#### PROVIDED ACCORDING TO HIS WISDOM

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”* (James 1:17)

*“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;”* (1 Timothy 6:17)

*“By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.”*  
(Proverbs 22:4)

#### PROVIDED ACCORDING TO OUR ABILITY

### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His Provision

**Quote:** “God says, I’ll provide the raw material and you do something with it.”

## 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF STEWARDSHIP

(v. 16-18)

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Stewards

*“But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.”* (1 Timothy 6:9)

**Quote:** “Money is a great servant, but a lousy god.”

**Quote:** “If we don’t manage money, money will manage us.”

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Steward

HE LACKED FAITH

*“Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?”  
(Luke 19:23)*

HE LOST OPPORTUNITY

### 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ OF RECKONING

(v. 19-27)

A. A \_\_\_\_\_ to Accountability

THE LORD WILL RETURN

*“Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)*

THE LORD WILL RECKON

*“But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.” (Romans 14:10)*

**Quote:** “The world asks, ‘What does a man own?’ Christ asks, ‘How does he use it?’”—**Andrew Murray**

B. A \_\_\_\_\_ to the Faithful

TO THE FAITHFUL SERVANTS

## 5 WAYS TO MULTIPLY TALENTS

1. Work Diligently
2. Transfer Ownership
3. Steward Efficiently
4. Save Regularly

*“A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.” (Proverbs 11:16)*

5. Give Generously

**Quote:** “The more passionate our faith the more consistent our giving.”

*“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)*

**Quote:** “A man is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”—**Jim Elliott**

### C. A \_\_\_\_\_ of the Unfaithful Servant

THE SERVANT DID NOT TRULY KNOW THE MASTER

**Quote:** “A true faith in Jesus Christ will not suffer us to be idle. No, it is an active, lively, restless principle; it fills the heart, so that it cannot be easy till it is doing something for Jesus Christ.”

—**George Whitefield**

THE SERVANT DID NOT TRULY TRUST THE MASTER

*“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

THE SERVANT IS JUDGED BY HIS MASTER- 26-30

**Quote:** “The primary reason for the judgment of the unprofitable servant is the unbelief in his heart.”



# SAMPLE COMMITMENT CARD



## 12-MONTH BUILDING FUND COMMITMENT

Write the amount you are committing to give in the next 12 months **AFTER TODAY**. Please do not include the offering you are giving today on the Commitment Total line.



### Recurring Offering

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Per Week (x52) B. Per Month (x12)



### One-Time Offering

and/or \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
C. After Today



**COMMITMENT TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Commitment Total Amount of **A, B, and/or C**

Please keep this portion as a prayer reminder. ↑

Please detach this portion & return in offering plate or by mail. ↓

My commitment may be revised if necessary, and other than periodic updates, I realize I will not be contacted about my commitment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 90-DAY TITHING CHALLENGE

I accept the challenge to prove God by giving my tithe on a weekly basis. **MALACHI 3:10**

**Please contact me about the following:**

- I would like to include the church in my estate planning.
- I have a tangible gift to give.

