

Victory Connect Lesson
Don't Waste This
Pastor Paul Daugherty
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Key Passage: Mat 25:14 NIV - "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

Introduction: We each determine what we do with the gifts we have been given. The faithful steward will be rewarded with increase. The lazy steward will be called wicked and be cast out. Jesus will reward us on how we manage our time, talents and treasure in this life.

Lessons from the parable of the talents (Mat 25:14-30)

1. We are stewards, not owners (Gen 14:19)
2. Action is required, laziness is condemned (Jas 2:26)
3. Your life will be led by either fear or faith (Heb 10:38)
4. All will be held accountable as stewards (Rom 14:12)

How to be a good steward (How to not waste.)

1. Work it out in your mind first. Rom 12:2 NIV - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2. Work it out in your morals. Pro 13:6 NIV - Righteousness guards the person of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

3. Work it out in your mouth (write it down and speak it out). Hab 2:2 NET - The LORD responded: "Write down this message! Record it legibly on tablets, so the one who announces it may read it easily.

4. Work it out in your motion (actions). Col 3:23 NIV - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the gifts God gave you?
2. How are you glorifying God with your gifts?
3. Are you making the most of what God has provided?

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