



Trust to Live

Psalms 24:1 (NIV) *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

When it comes to God's supply, some important principles are:

- We reap what we invest. (Malachi 3:10)
- We reap in God's time. (1 Peter 5:6)
- We always reap more than we invest. (Matthew 13:8)

Lifestyle Stewardship in the "Parable of the Talents"...

Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV) ¹⁴"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To 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. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²²"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' ²³"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²⁴"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸"So take the bag of gold from him and

give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Key thoughts from this parable...

- Divine OWNERSHIP.
- INTERDEPENDENT Partnerships.
- Personal STEWARDSHIP.

Trust to Live: Give GENEROUSLY, give PROPORTIONATELY and give FAITHFULLY.

Giving Challenge

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV) *But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*

Additional Notes...

scriptures that relate

Monday: Psalm 24	Wednesday: Proverbs 2	Friday: Matthew 6
Tuesday: Proverbs 1	Thursday: Proverbs 3	Saturday: Matthew 25

small groups—talk it over

1. What does it mean that God is our manager?
2. What is your biggest trust issue with God?
3. Why did the third guy in the parable of the talents get in trouble?
4. What does Biblical stewardship mean to you?

pastor brian's prayer requests

Monday: Let's pray for those who are hurting that God will heal their pain.

Tuesday: Let's pray for those who are depressed that God will heal the pain.

Wednesday: Let's pray for those struggling financially that God will bless them and become known.

Thursday: Let's pray for those who are feeling alone that God will make His presence known.

Friday: Let's pray for those who are doing great that it will bring about praise to God.

Saturday: Let's pray for our weekend services that we will experience something from Heaven.