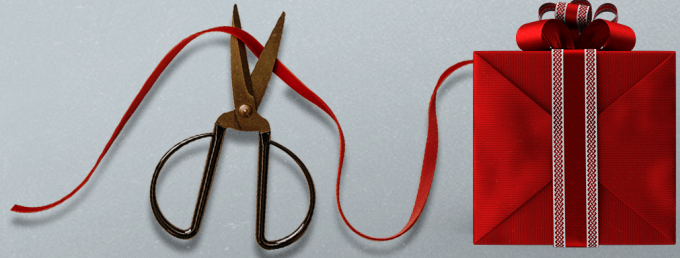


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Get in the Game

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' 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!'

The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' 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!'

Then the man who had received the one talent 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. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 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? Well 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.'

'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.'

Matthew 25:14-29

KEY QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Q) What have I been given?

Q) What will I do with what I have been given?

The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.

Matthew 25:16

So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.

Matthew 25:17

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Matthew 25:18

Q) What do I dream about doing for God?

**What matters is not your capacity for achievement;
what matters is your capacity for God.**

Q) What could keep me from being a good and faithful servant?

First two servants:

“went at once” / “put his money to work” / “gained more.”

Matthew 25:16-17

Third servant:

“went off” / “dug a hole” / “hid his master's money”

Matthew 25:18

Q) What words do I want to hear from God when my life is over?

“Well done, good and faithful servant!... Come and share your master's happiness!”

Matthew 25:23

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has even conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

I Corinthians 2:9