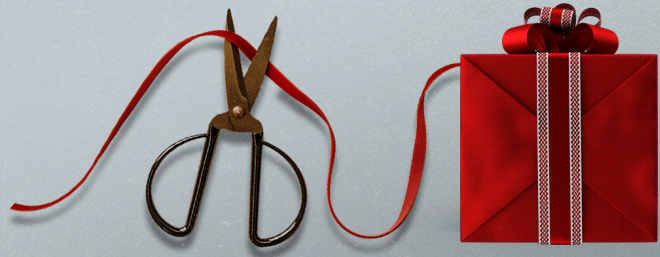


NO STRINGS ATTACHED



- Get in the Game -

Ice-Breakers:

- What would be your immediate inclination if someone entrusted you with 2-10 million dollars to invest? How do you think your response might change over time?

Discussion:

Read Matthew 25:14-15

- Why do you think the rich man entrusted his liquid assets to his servants?
- Why did he entrust different amounts to each? What expectations did he set?
- What opinions do you form of the rich man from these two verses?

Read Matthew 25:16-18

- How did the servants respond to the opportunity their master gave them?
- Name some ways a windfall profit or unexpected gift could be used. How would you be likely to use it?
- What is your opinion of each servant? Which is most like you?

Read Matthew 25:19-25

- What was the *motivation* of the third servant? Where did he go wrong?
- Why does risk excite some and cause fear for others?
- In the past what has kept you from being a "good and faithful servant"?

Application:

- Name some things you have dreamed of doing for God - in His church and in the world. What obstacles have you experienced while attempting to pursue those dreams?
- Where do you need help to realize your potential for God?
- Spend some time (on your own) pondering the questions below:
 - *What have I been given (gifts, talents, abilities, experiences, hurts, finances, etc.)?*
 - *What will I do with what I have been given?*