

## INVEST IN THE KINGDOM

### Matthew 25:14-30

God entrusts us with resources—not to bury, but to grow. Faithful stewardship is about risk, trust, and using what we have to participate in God’s work. Again and again in Scripture, God invites God’s people to invest. Build homes. Plant gardens. See the good of the place you are. When we invest in the present with faithfulness and hope, we join God in building the kingdom right where we are, and we get to experience the blessing God has in store for us.

#### ☐ **Monday: Read Matthew 25:14–15.**

He “entrusted his wealth to them.” (NIV)

What good things – skills, relationships, opportunities, or resources has God placed in your care? How might remembering that everything comes from and belongs to God change the way you use what you have?

#### ☐ **Tuesday: Read Matthew 25:16-18.**

“The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them.” (NIV)

What does it mean to you to “invest” in something that brings blessing to others or grows God’s kingdom? What faithful investment could you make this week that helps God’s love grow?

#### ☐ **Wednesday: Read Matthew 25:19-23.**

“Well done, good and faithful servant!” (NIV)

What kind of “return” do you hope your life is producing for God’s kingdom?

Where do you find joy in wisely using what God has given you?

#### ☐ **Thursday: Read Matthew 25:24–30.**

“So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground.” (NIV)

What faithful “investment” might you have been avoiding because of fear, doubt, or weariness? How can you trust God more deeply as you use what you have for good, rather than keeping it hidden or unused?

#### ☐ **Friday: Read Isaiah 58:10-12.**

“You will be like a well-watered garden...Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins.” (NIV)

How can your generosity – of time, kindness, or resources - help restore what is broken around you? Where is God inviting you to invest in something that lasts beyond yourself?

#### ☐ **Saturday: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11.**

“...whoever sows generously will also reap generously...You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.” (NIV)

What helps you give cheerfully and freely, rather than out of guilt or obligation?

How does your generosity to the church or to others reflect an investment in God’s ongoing work in the world?

Faithful investing isn't about chasing gain - it's about growing good. It's choosing to plant our lives where God has placed us, to give generously, to serve joyfully, and to trust that God multiplies what we offer in love. This week, as you reflect on Jesus' parable and other passages of Scripture, invite the Spirit to show you where and how you can make wise, faithful investments - investments that last because they align with God's purposes.

**Practice: Commit to moving toward a tithe in your giving.**