

# HOW TO INVEST YOUR LIFE

## Life Stories - Part 8

### June 28, 2009

**KINGDOM PRINCIPLE:** God expects you to \_\_\_\_\_  
what He's given to you!

**1. OWNERSHIP:** Everything you have \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**Matthew 25:14 (NIV)** "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and **entrusted his property** to them."

**2. ALLOCATION:** God has \_\_\_\_\_ you some talents.

**Matthew 25:15 (NIV)** "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."

**Romans 12:6a (NCV)** "**We all have different gifts**, each of which came because of the **grace God gave us...**"

**3. ACCOUNTABILITY:** God \_\_\_\_\_ you to use them.

**Matthew 25:19 (TEV)** "After a long time the **master** of those servants **came back** and **settled accounts** with them."

**4. UTILIZATION:** It's wrong to \_\_\_\_\_ what God gave you.

**Matthew 25:18 (NIV)** "...The man who had received the one talent went off, **dug a hole in the ground** and **hid his master's money**."

**Matthew 25:26-27 (CEV)** "The **master** of the servant **told him**, 'You are **lazy and good-for-nothing**.<sup>27</sup> You could have **at least put my money in the bank**, so that I could have **earned interest** on it.'"

**Hebrews 11:6a (NIV)** "**Without faith it is impossible to please God...**"

**5. MOTIVATION:** \_\_\_\_\_ keeps you from using your talents.

**Matthew 25:25a (NIV)** "So I was **afraid** and... went out and **hid your talent** in the ground..."

### Three Kinds of Fear...

- Self-\_\_\_\_\_
- Self-\_\_\_\_\_
- Self-\_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 25:24 (NIV)** " '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.' "

**6. APPLICATION:** Use your talents or \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**Matthew 25:28-29 (NLT)** "Take the money from this servant and give it to the one with the ten bags of gold.<sup>29</sup> To those who use well what they are given, even **more will be given...** But from those who are **unfaithful**, even **what little they have will be taken away**."

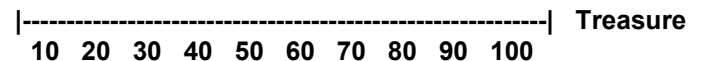
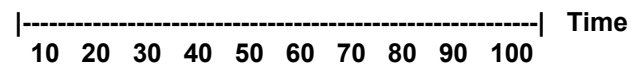
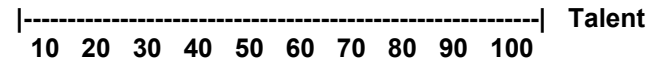
**7. COMPENSATION:** If you use them you get \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 25:23 (NIV)** "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!"

### Three Rewards...

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW?



X = Your current % investment  
G = Your goal for the next six months