

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE
Pt. 4 - Embracing Your Response Ability
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JESUS TELLS A PARABLE

Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

[14] Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

[15] 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.

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

[17] So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.

[18] But the man who had received the one talent 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.

[20] 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.'

[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 the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; 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 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.'

[25] 'So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent 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?'

[27] 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.

[28] Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.

[29] 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.

[30] And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.