

# ENTRUSTED

## THE BLESSING OF STEWARDSHIP

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**2 Timothy 1:13-14 (NLT)** 13 Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. 14 Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

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**Matthew 25:14-30 (NKJV)** 14 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ 21 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ 23 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 24 “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ 26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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## THREE MAJOR PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP

1 EVERYTHING COMES FROM AND BELONGS TO GOD

**Psalms 24:1 (NLT)** The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

**Psalms 89:11-12 (NLT)** 11 The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything in the world is yours—you created it all. 12 You created north and south. Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon praise your name.

**Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (NIV)** 17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

**STEWARDSHIP** = "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation."

2 YOU ONLY MANAGE IT FOR A SEASON

3 THERE IS A DAY OF ACCOUNTABILITY

  
THIS IS  
A GOOD TIME  
TO WAVE  
YOUR CARD!

## THREE LEVELS OF UNFAITHFULNESS

1  
NEGLECT

2  
ABUSE

3  
UNPROFITABLE

## WHY PEOPLE ARE UNFAITHFUL

1 THEY COMPARE THEIR GIFT TO OTHERS!

A COMPARISON ALWAYS LEADS TO INACTIVITY

B COMPARISON ALWAYS LEADS TO INGRATITUDE

2 THEY EXCUSE THEMSELVES FROM WHAT  
THEY KNOW THE FATHER EXPECTS

Two words that the enemy places in your mind as an excuse to not do what God is asking:

GOD UNDERSTANDS

3 THEY DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE TO WORK WITH  
WHAT THE FATHER GIVES THEM.

4 THEY DO NOT KNOW THE REWARD OF BEING FAITHFUL.