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## LIVING THE DISCIPLE LIFE 2021

Week 5: Giving Freely of Their Time, Talent, & Resources  
Matthew 25.14-30

**Jesus' command to his disciples: Make more disciples!** (Matthew 28.19-20)

**Marks of Discipleship** (just 1 more to go!)

1. Daily bible reading and prayer
2. Worshiping God weekly
3. Being in relationship and encouraging spiritual growth in others
4. Serving others
5. Giving freely of their time, talent and resources

Jesus' parable of the bags of gold (talents) Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus' condemnation of the religious leaders for burying God's gift.

A parable of stewardship. How are we investing the wonderful salvation that God has given us? What do we have to invest?

### TIME

### TALENT

### TREASURE

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth..., For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*  
Matthew 6.19-21

## INVESTING 101 FOR THE DISCIPLE OF JESUS (taken from Matthew 25)

1. Disciples of Jesus realize that it's not how much we're given that matters but how **WE USE IT.** *"...he gave.....each according to his ability."* v15
2. Disciples of Jesus know that the master rewards **RISK** .
3. Disciples of Jesus don't **REST ON THEIR LAURELS.** *'You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.'* v21, 23.
4. Disciples of Jesus know that investing in God's Kingdom makes **GOD HAPPY.** *'Come and share your master's happiness!'* v21, 23
5. Disciples of Jesus know that if you don't **USE IT,** you **LOSE IT!** *"Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them..."* v29

The Apostle Paul's warning in 1 Corinthians 3.10-15

How sturdy is your spiritual building?

*...each one should build with care... 1 Corinthians 3.10*

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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