

**Going Deeper...you are created to add value to the kingdom of God on earth
...now.... to make a contribution to the world around you**

*******Successful faith filled people embrace the challenge of doing life by faith...
If all of us would just take five minutes and think about their lives, could all
come up with ways to improve their lives and reach another level of success, joy,
happiness, achievement, contribution, fulfillment and purpose.**

**People who believe God wants them to increase...will take that faith...and add
work to it! They say I want to do something of value but I don't know how... but
by faith and effort I will learn how to do that...**

- **Why is this important ? Because you are specially designed and gifted by God
human being ...you are designed and gifted to add value In building His
Kingdom...**
- **and Because As A child of God and a citizen of His Kingdom... You are a
Future Ruler!! and will reign on earth!....Yes you!**

*Daniel 7: 18 But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom,
and they will rule forever and ever."*

**Rule means to be in power, to rule... To possess means to have power over! So
we will be in power and exert power/control over the earth as Kingdom leaders
operating under the King!**

- **So in order to do so effectively you must also grow in character...and skill
set... Spiritual skills... people skills, business skills, and leadership skills!**
- **and God did not leave that up to us...He instilled in us talent and gifts....and
through the inhabitation of His Spirit...the capacity to grow in character and
gifting us spiritually...**

**So let's see this play out in a second parable Jesus shares with his disciples as he
leaves the Temple grounds two days before his arrest trial and crucifixion. He
had been speaking of the future...His coming Kingdom and the importance of
what his disciples do on earth until he returns...**

- **In this story he places great value on using and developing the talents we have
on been given on earth..**

Matthew 25: 14 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together **his servants** and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.

- **His servants are his children and also his future leaders and managers...as we will reign with him on earth...so on earth we must develop skills!**
- **The metaphor is ...Jesus has entrusted us with gold/talents/skills ... in preparing us for this responsibility and privilege... to rule over his possessions!! Now!**
- **He equips us to prosper...and gives us resources And we are responsible to use and develop them adding greater value to what He has deposited in us**

Matthew 25: 15 *He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. **Jesus gives gifts to his servants according to "present" ability...or skill..***

*****Their Master expects them:**

- 1)To carry themselves as worthy representatives of the master (Character)
- 2) increase their capabilities use the wealth (competency)
- 3)and grow in their servant leadership (chemistry)!...

- **He expects his kids to show a profit or increase in value...with what they have been given responsibility for NOW!!...**
- **For example: If you have been given marriage is it increasing in value because you are in it??**
- **if you have been given children ...are you adding value into their lives...in other words are they richer for having you as a parent?**
- **how about in Your career... does the work you do add value to this world? Is your character development increasing in value to this world..**
- **Is your spiritual development adding value to those in your world**
- **Is your earthly development adding value to to those in your world..**

¹⁶ “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and **earned** five more. ¹⁷ The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and **earned** two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the

ground and **hid** the master's money. ¹⁹ "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.

- They are given a long time to grow and develop and invest their skills and for with the goal of expanding Kingdom value and influence
- **God is gracious ...he gives us time to learn ...risk...fail...grow...**
- At the end of that time... two doubled their value...they gained... **earned means increased by effort!**
- and **One hid the wealth** entrusted to him.....put away and did nothing with it!
- So they settled the accounts...with the master..

²⁰ The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.' ²¹ "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

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- **The first two, demonstrated Faith and works... Though their capacities/abilities were not equal..they each produced double what they were given... the master was pleased... or delighted in them!**
- **The master's happiness was that they grew and prospered and added value...!! Just like any parent delights in their child's growth and prosperity!**
- **Many more responsibilities means they moved into leadership!**
- Then there is this servant...

²⁴ "Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, **I knew you** were a harsh man, harvesting crops **you** didn't plant and gathering crops **you** didn't

cultivate. ²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'

This servant did what many do fearful people do... He Blamed someone else for his actions...you are this way...so I had to do this..

Proverbs 19:3 (NLT) ³ People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the LORD.

- **Anger is an emotional cover up for something else: Hurt, insecurity, fear, guilt, sadness, disappointment and shame. Just because someone is angry does not mean you did something wrong. In this case his own foolishness**
- **So they blame others for their own choices...to avoid responsibility for their actions.... and blaming is always better done with anger.**
- **Blame says you did that so I have to do this. You are responsible for my actions, choices and feelings. Blame is a means of manipulating a person with the purpose of causing that person to feel guilty to feel guilty in order to pressure them to comply with the finger pointer's wishes.**
- **Blame can also be used as a diversionary tactic to keep you defending yourself, allowing the real issue to be ignored. and blaming is always better done with anger.**
- **You can choose to ignore the guilt and not be manipulated, or you can accept the responsibility for your loved one's actions and be controlled.**
- **This servant's proclaims it is not his fault....and he knows where the fault lies the heart of his master.... he says he knew him! meaning I know your character...By calling his Master a harsh man...meaning he expects much but won't help you... unkind, unsympathetic, mean**
- **and also greedy, harvesting what he did not plant...in other words living off the labor of others, taking advantage of them...**
- **But in reality he was a liar... if he really feared what would happen to him when the cruel vindictive master came back... he would have made an even greater effort then the other two...to increase it..**
- **He actually thought the Master would not come back!**
- **His fear led him to decide to bury what he had been given...so as to lose money...his fear came upon him..... to do nothing with it! added no value...and actually lost value...**

- he returned what he received but it was of less value...as time lessens the value of money...inflation..
- He was hoping his master could be manipulated...by guilt
- But his master was not an enabler..
- Enablers make it possible for someone to continue negative behavior. They pick up the broken pieces, prevent consequences from happening, cover up deny and pretend, keep the peace at any cost, tolerate unacceptable behavior, and take over the person's responsibilities.
- Enablers tolerate hurtful destructive behavior because they will not let the person suffer the consequences of their actions.... As a result, they prolong the negative behavior.
- But God has established the law by which we all will live...the law of reaping what we sow:

Gal 6:7 NLT Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.

Now The Master was emotionally Healthy...and so he detached from the anger of the man...did not buy into the blame... and would not enable the behavior

- So the Master let His servant deal with the natural consequences of his choices.
- The master was emotionally healthy...His master did not try to fix him...nor defended himself...he said this is the problem ...your faulty reasoning..and its accompanying faulty actions...

*Matt 25: 26 “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! **If you knew I** harvested crops **I didn't** plant and gathered crops **I didn't** cultivate, ²⁷ why didn't **you** deposit my money in the bank? At least **I** could have gotten some interest on it.’*

- **WICKED** means attributing evil intent and character to someone wrongly... his master was good and wanted his servants to do well he was for them...the exact opposite of what this servant attributed to him.
- **LAZY** means slothful ...making others responsible for his inaction...So he was wicked... in his assessment of the Master and wrong in his response to that assessment...to do nothing...
- for if he truly believed what he said about his Master ...He would put in put in the minimal effort to ean some interest making the bag of solver more valuable...!

*****His failure was more than just that...he did not believe what his master said...that he was coming back....**

1)So He believed he would not be held accountable for doing anything with what was entrusted to him....so why risk anything..so bury what was entrusted to you...and do whatever it is you do...

2)Excuses are valid..That his blaming the master/ or someone else or something else for not doing anything with what he was given, would be an acceptable excuse to his master. he deceived himself..

3)He thought he would still be rewarded...though he did not earn it! ...

So The Master's response:

Matt 25:28 "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. ²⁹ To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

This actually was an opportunity... The more developed a man's virtues and other gifts and talents, the greater his value to his neighbors and the kingdom...which BRINGS HIM OR HER greater ABUNDANCE,,

- **The crosses one carries in life, one's difficult times and decisions, is also used to develop a talent to use, multiply and increase. Increase the talents given you by God.**

³⁰ Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Use less servant...the servant was given the result his actions deserved to be used less... A SERVANT AND THROWN OUTSIDE WHERE HE IS DEPRIVED OF THAT WHICH HE WAS GIVEN to him to build

- **the liar and wicked and complaining servant went with the other liar and wicked and complaining servant ...the bitter and gnash their teeth together...**
- **apparently he is still his servant yet remaining in darkness...not earning a place of leadership...**

What can we learn here about this Faith without works person's actions, so we don't fall into the same trap:

- **1) The Responsibility of developing your talent is more important than you might believe.** As noble as our intentions might be ...intentions are definitely not enough... We are responsible to use and develop what God has entrusted to each one of us...
- **2. Fear keeps you Stuck...** Three servants given responsibility...two grew, one was stuck in Fear... When people are no longer developing, they start to quarrel and complain and make excuses for their failures. Fear Blames!
- **3) Beware of Misguided Arrogance** ...The worth-less servant confidently believed and acted upon his own misguided preconceived beliefs. And trusted them more than his Master's direction. He knew his master would expect increase and did nothing about it.
- **5) He rationalized his behavior...** He rationalized or convincingly lied to himself about his behavior, and also believed he could minimize any accountability to his master....He was wrong!

Conclusion a Successful servant believes and acts... they take ownership of their Responsibilities, of character, competency and chemistry as one who serves a master and has a destiny !

- **Anger is damaging to you emotionally physically and spiritually. It does not feel good to have someone angry with you. But it is the other person's feelings, and you don't have to fix it or defend your innocence.**

Your compensation is directly proportional to how many people you serve and how well you serve them...

*Matt 19:28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ **And everyone** who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.*

Notes the problem with the one bag guy...he had a faulty belief system about himself and about God..... use the book on section enabling

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keep the peace at any cost, tolerate unacceptable behavior, and take over the person's responsibilities.

Enablers cover irresponsibility for fear of financial or physical security. They keep the peace so there won't be an upset. They make excuses to family and friends, so no one finds out the truth. They tolerate hurtful behavior because they're afraid of the consequences if they say no. As a result, they prolong the negative behavior.

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