

Five-Minute Finances – *Multiplication*



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Prayer

Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as you begin reading passages of Scripture. Ask for clarity and insight as you engage in God's word.



Scripture Reading- Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over

much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have

made two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



Observation

1. What do these verses say about...

The master?

The servants?

Faithfulness?



Interpretation

2. Who is someone you would consider faithful with what Jesus has given them? Why?

3. What would be an example of a "wicked and slothful" servant in our world today?

4. What has Jesus entrusted to you? What might it look like if He came to settle your account today?



Application

Between Jesus' "follow me" in Matthew 4 and his "go make disciples" statements in Matthew 28, money was talked about 176 times. One-hundred seventy-six times! Do you think when Jesus tells us to teach others to obey all He has commanded, that He also means the money parts, too? For sure, He does. And that's the essence of financial discipleship: helping others to learn, apply and multiply what the Bible says about money. Why does it matter? Because it matters to Jesus.

With this in mind, we find ourselves with the biblical responsibility as Christians to bear fruit. Prayerfully think about what steps you can take to multiply what God has given you and how you can help others do the same.



Continue your Journey...

The 5 Pillars of financial discipleship are a big deal. In this lesson, you've just tackled the pillar of multiplication. If you're willing to multiply and bear fruit for God's kingdom, you're ready for the next pillar- Eternal Focus. Go to [FiveMinuteFinances.org](https://www.fiveminutefinances.org) to continue your financial discipleship journey.



Eternal Focus

Thanks for taking the time to go through this devotional! We pray the Lord would draw you ever closer to Him as you continue on your financial discipleship journey!

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