Building Courageous Wealth
Using What You Have (Pt.1)
Matthew 25:14-30, NKJV

August 5, 2018

Reviewing Our Annual Theme

Question for the year: What are the courageous conversations you need to have that will change your life outcomes?
1. Courageous Conversations About the Messy Issues (Talk about the messy part of your life - Ten Commandments)
2. Courageous Changes That Need to Happen (Don't just talk all your life; name the areas you need to change)
3. Courageous Plans Once You Decide to Change (Develop plans that will bring about the changes you want)
4. How to Build Courageous Wealth That Will Empower You to Implement Changes (Be honest about the level of wealth you need)
5. How to Develop Courageous Faith That Will Build New Paths and Light New Flames (Don't be stagnate and non-progressive)

August Series Summary
Purpose: You can't have a real courageous conversation about your future unless you talk about wealth. Your wealth will determine what you can do after you have a courageous conversation. In this study, we will learn the power of using what you have, investing it wisely and learning from those around you.

1. **August 5, 2018: <u>Using</u> What You Have**
2. **August 12, 2018: <u>Investing</u> What You Have**
3. **August 19, 2018: <u>Learning</u> From Who You Have**
4. **August 26, 2018: <u>Talking</u> About What You Have**
   - **Open Forum in all services, including online**

Big Question For Today: How good are you at using what you have to build wealth?

The Setting: This is a story about **three guys** with different amounts of **money called talents**. A talent was a measurement of money. The talents were given to them by their master based on their ability to manage (Matthew 25:15). One guy was given **one** talent. Another guy was given **two** talents and the third guy was given a whopping **five** talents. This is a study of how each guy managed the wealth he was given and how their master viewed them.

Defining Wealth: Wealth is more than income. Income is a salary that you get from a paycheck. Wealth is more about what you have left after everything is paid. Wealth is defined as well-being, happiness, health, soundness or wellness in its Middle English roots.
(https://www.etymonline.com/word/wealth)

Three Observations About The Servant With One Talent
Matthew 25:24-28

1. We See The <u>Mismanagement</u> of Wealth (He blamed his master and operated in fear)
- 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**.'**

Staff Question:
- **What would this person look like in 2018?**

My Answer:
- They would be a person who blamed others for their lack of wealth and productivity. He did not see anything he did wrong.

2. We See The Way Mismanagement is Viewed (He was wicked and lazy)
- **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.**

3. We See The <u>Results</u> of Mismanagement (His wealth was taken and given to another)
- **28** So **take the talent** from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

Closing: How much of your future wealth has been taken from you because you mismanaged your wealth? Has God concluded that you will only bury what you have been given?

Next Time: Investing What You Have.
Read Ahead: Matthew 25:14-23
Sample Questions To Deal with Down the Road:
- How does this conversation about wealth apply to the average person making a little bit of money? Save something and make a plan to build wealth.
- How does this conversation about wealth apply to a single parent trying to make ends meet? Save something and make a plan to build wealth.