

Building Courageous Wealth, Pt. 2
(Investing What You Have)
Matthew 25:14-23, NKJV

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Big Question: Are you a wise investor of the talents you were given?

Wealth Defined: Wealth is more than money. It is a sense of health and well-being

Statement Review: Introduction to Building Wealth

1. Our knowledge, passion, focus, discipline and wealth will determine what we can do.
2. If we don't build our knowledge, passion, focus, and wealth in a healthy way, we have reached our peak.

First Question: What will we do with more wealth?

Answer: We will find ways to improve **our personal** world and **the world around us**.

Second Question: What is the best kind of wealth and why?

Answer: Corporate wealth (or wealth everybody contributes to) is the best kind of wealth. Because, it's easier to get wealth and protect it when everybody in the corporate family is committed. But, this is only possible when the family is not divided and is going in the same direction. (*Amos 3:3, "can two walk together unless they agree."*)

Biblical Example: Malachi 3:10-12: Tithes and Offerings are God's corporate plan for the church to build wealth

- 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, **That there may be food in My house**, And try Me now in this, "Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. 11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the Lord of hosts; 12 And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the Lord of hosts.
- **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.

4 Observations About Wise Investors

1. Wise Investors Empower People With the Ability to Build Wealth

- Matthew 25:14-15: 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.

Question: Do you invite people into your life that can help you?

Note: Some people try to build wealth alone.

2. Wise Investors Can Be Trusted to Faithfully Invest Without Supervision

- 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.

3. Wise Investors Take Power From Those Who Stagnate Their Wealth

- 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.

Note Inverted Order:

- 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.*

4. Wise Investors Believe In Return On Investment (Jesus invested his life for you; what is His return on His investment?)

- v20 "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

Closing: Four Things That Take Power and Wealth From Christians

- Their theology (I Timothy 6:10, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil")
- Their philosophies (They philosophically, by their actions, say that amassing wealth is wrong)
- Their peers (They are around people who struggle with talking about and building wealth)
- Their fears (Many fear that wealth will harm them in some way)
- Their use of time (They have no designated time to build wealth for their future)

Next Time: Learning From What You Have

Big Question: Why didn't the man with one talent take advantage of the wisdom of the men with more talents. They could have changed his life outcome.

Read Ahead: Matthew 25: 20-23