



**Building Courageous Wealth (Part 3)
(Learning From What You Have)**

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Series Review:

1. Using What You Have (August 5th)
2. Investing What You Have (August 12th)
3. Learning From What You Have (August 19th)

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.

Personal Statement: How I Grew My Personal Talents

- I have noticed in my 37 years of Pastoring and 43 years of preaching that **most people don't use what is available to them.** I was 17 when I started preaching and 23 when I began to Pastor. God brought the right people, leaders, friends, schools, and churches to prepare me for my future.
- My first year of college at 18 years old was a floating year without much direction. I took classes just to take them. But, through a series of circumstances, a conversation and attending a prayer meeting, I ended up in a small Bible college that changed my life forever.
- This experience ignited a new level of academic and spiritual passion. They had the tools I needed to advance my life. Who would have imagined that I had these talents? It was amazing to see me grow from the age of 19 to 23. During this season, my confidence and faith in my future surpassed my expectation. **Taking advantage of what was available to me** made the difference in my life. I needed people in my life that could help me. It would have been a critical mistake to not invite these people into my life. I had to seek them out. I had to ask for help.

Review from last week: Our last sermon dealt with one guy with one talent who refused to do anything with his talent. He buried it and never asked anybody to help him manage it (Matthew 25:24-30).

**I. Building Courageous Wealth
With People That Can Help
(Matthew 25:14-15, NKJV)**

1. The guy with one talent was dealing with two people with more ability to help him

- 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.

Questions:

1. **Who are the people** in your life that have more ability than you have?
2. **How do you respond** to people with more ability than you?
3. **When is the last time** you asked somebody with more ability to help you?
4. **How do you feel** about people with more ability? (SOMETIMES WE DON'T LIKE THEM)

2. The guy with one talent was dealing with people who could have taught him how to invest

- 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. 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. 20 "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.'



3. The guy with one talent was dealing with people with proven success (v21-23)

- 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.’

Question:

- Do you struggle with being instructed?
- Would you rather fail than ask for help?

II. Building Courageous Wealth While Watching Others Fail

1. The two guys with more talents had to watch the guy with one talent fail

- v24 “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.**

Questions to Ponder:

- How good are you at watching people fail?
- How common is it for you to force them to change?
- How good are you at letting the famine teach them?

2. The two guys with talents had to embrace their promotion and privileges while others failed

- 29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And **cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**’

Next Time: Questions About What You Have

- Open forum Q/A (email me at pastor@overcomingbyfaith.org) with your questions. Some will be reviewed and answered in public. Please send questions by Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

Sample Questions for Next Week

1. Why do some people have more wealth (or health and well-being) than me?
2. How do you approach people with more wealth than you? (Hollywood has made this hard)
3. How long does it take to build the kind of wealth I need?
4. Who have you been avoiding that has the talents you need?