

LIVE *for a* C·H·A·N·G·E

THE POWER OF C-H-A-N-G-E
Part E – Exercises Spiritual Gifts
Matthew 25:14-30

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We can do far more **together** than we can do separately.

1. A PARABLE ABOUT GIVING OURSELVES **AWAY**.
2. FIVE PRINCIPLES FOR MINISTERING TO GOD AND OTHERS.

A. Principle NO. 1 – God Owns **Everything**.

Psalm 24:1 “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it...”

B. Principle No. 2 – God has given US some SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND talents to be used for **Him** AS A PART OF HIS PURPOSE FOR US.

1. *Romans 12:6: “We have different gifts, according to the **grace** given us.”*
2. *1 Corinthians 4:2 “Now it is required that those who have been given a **trust** must prove faithful.”*
3. The “trust” that God has given us **matters** to Him.

C. Principle NO. 3 – ONE DAY GOD WILL AUDIT OUR LIVES AND MAKE US **ACCOUNTABLE**. (Matthew 25:19)

1. *Matthew 25:19 "After a long time the Master of those servants returned and settled accounts."*
 2. *2 Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."*
 3. God wants us to use our talents for Him and others. That is called **Ministry**.
- D. Principle NO. 4 – It IS wrong for us to **bury** what God gave US. (Matthew 25:26)
1. *Matthew 25:26 "His master replied, 'You **wicked**, lazy servant.'"*
 2. I can't please God by playing it safe or playing it selfish. God has given me some spiritual gifts and talents. He wants me to **use** them for Him and others.
- E. Principal NO. 5 – If we use our spiritual gifts and talents wisely we will be **rewarded**. (Matthew 25:23)
1. *Matthew 25:23 "His Master replied, 'Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!'"*
 2. Rewards from God.
 - a. Greater **Trust**.
 - b. Greater **Enjoyment** with God.
 - c. The **ultimate** reward. God saying to you, "*Well done good and faithful servant!*" (Matthew 25:21)

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