SO WHAT

- Read Matthew 25:14-30. Who is put in charge of many things? How does it change the way you manage your finances?
- What does being a steward mean? How would you assess yourself as a steward?
- How has God rewarded you so far for your faithfulness?
 How does this help you grow more in this character?

NOW WHAT

- What lesson did you learn today? In what way can you apply it in your life?
- Look for opportunities to learn more about stewardship.
 Who can give you godly guidance and advice regarding finances?
- What practical step can you take starting this week to improve the way you handle your resources?

PRAYER

- Thank God for entrusting you with His provision.
 Ask Him to help you see this provision, no matter what amount, as a blessing and opportunity to be entrusted with more.
- Part of good stewardship of finances is generous giving.
 Ask God to set you up for opportunities to give and help.
- Believe God for breakthrough in your financial life, not just for an increase in your finances, but also for the increase in character and discipline to handle it.



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Managing Wisely



NOTES	

CONNECT

- Have you ever lost or broken something that someone entrusted to you?
- If you had enough money to do anything you wanted, what would you do?
- What is your experience with budgeting? What do you think of it?



"For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them." MATTHEW 25:29

WHAT

Many people, even Christians, are either in lack or under unnecessary debt, preventing them from doing God's will. It is usually a result of financial mismanagement. To solve this problem, we have to learn how to manage our finances wisely. Let us find out what the Bible has to say about managing our possessions wisely.

1 God entrusts everyone a measure of finances.

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey." MATTHEW 25:14,15 (READ THE REST OF THE PARABLE AT MATTHEW 25:14-30.)

God entrusts provision to people according to their ability to manage it. You may not consider yourself a good steward of your finances now, but it is not too late to learn how to be one. Give examples of the blessings God has entrusted you and how you think He wants you to handle these.

2 God is pleased when we are faithful with our finances.

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹ "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." MATTHEW 25:19,20

faithfulness by entrusting even more.
ied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have
th a few things; I will put you in charge of many
d share your master's happiness!'" MATTHEW 25:23
ss not only pleases God but also puts you in a
entrusted with more. The reward was the same
ts even though one was given five talents and
alents. Each performed the same according to ney received. What is God building in us when
with blessings of different levels?

The amount of wealth we have is not what matters to God. It is