

WORD

"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*

The amount of wealth we have is not what matters to God. It is our faithfulness in whatever we have that pleases Him. The Master praised and rewarded both faithful servants by saying, "Come and share your master's happiness!" What reward can we look forward to when we are found faithful with what God has entrusted to us?

3 God rewards faithfulness by entrusting even more.

"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!'" MATTHEW 25:23

Your faithfulness not only pleases God but also puts you in a position to be entrusted with more. The reward was the same for both servants even though one was given five talents and the other, two talents. Each performed the same according to the resources they received. What is God building in us when He entrusts us with blessings of different levels?
