

JESUS & \$TUFF

INVESTING & FAITHFUL

Reflect on a time or season when you wondered, "Am I really being faithful with all the resources God gave me?"

What was happening? Why?

Read [**Matthew 25:14-18**](#).

What most surprises you in these opening lines of Jesus' story?

How are you doing with the resources God has given you? Choose one and reflect on why:

Serving responsively, responsibly, and faithfully

Digging a hole, playing it safe

Daily challenge: Pause and ask, "God, with the time and resources you've given me, how am I doing? Am I being faithful?"

Read [**Matthew 25:19-30**](#).

Ponder these stewardship principles:

- We are accountable to God for his stuff.
- We will be commended and rewarded for handling God's resources with urgency and proactive planning.
- Faithful kingdom investors truly believe God and trust his good character.
- Faithful kingdom investors are vigilant, serving Christ and others with wholeheartedness in the in-between.

Which of the above principles most challenges your current condition? Why?

Consider these life arenas for faithful investing:

- Time & energy
- Business & workplace
- Financial resources
- Real estate, vehicles, and other goods
- Words, thoughts, and emotions
- Special gifts, talents, and skills
- Your gospel story

In which of these arenas do you need greater responsiveness and vigilance, to invest in good and faithful ways for Christ's kingdom?

Are you proactively, patiently, lovingly investing all you have and all you are, ready for King Jesus' return? Why or why not?

What will it take for you to be even more of a good and faithful servant?

Get Ready for Next Week:

Read each day from [Matthew 26:1-16](#).