



#2 Exponential Life

God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, Philippians 3:20[ESV]

"Many of us miss the 'immeasurably more' God has for us, because we are consumed by the temporary rather than focusing on the eternal."

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ set your hearts on things above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
Colossians 3:1-2[ESV]

The Parable of the Talents:

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Matthew 25: 14-15

- The Talent Represents Everything The Master ENTRUSTED To His Servants.

He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. Matthew 25: 24-29

"Jesus is giving us insider information about how our life on earth exponentially impacts our eternity."

How Do I Live With An Eternal Focus?

Truth #1: God Owns EVERYTHING

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- The Practice of TITHING Is A Declaration Of God's Ownership.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." Psalm 24:1
[See Malachi 3:6-12]

Truth #2: You Will Be Held To ACCOUNT

Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
Matthew 25:19

"This isn't about judgment & condemnation, this is about accountability & reward."

Remember, we will all stand before the **judgment seat** [βῆμα] of God. For the Scriptures say, 'As surely as I live,' says the LORD, 'every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.' Romans 14:10-11

- To Become A Faithful Steward, You Have To See Yourself As A Kingdom INVESTOR, Rather Than An Earthly Spender.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

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- How would you have lived differently when you were younger if you knew then what you know now?
- How would your life change if you lived like everything belongs to God?

Read Matthew 25:14-30

- What are you doing now that you think Jesus will celebrate when you meet Him in Heaven?
- Why do you think the master judgment was so severe for then that buried his talent?

Read Leviticus 27:30.

- What do you think the purpose of the tithe is? Why would God ask for it?
- Do you agree or disagree with the practice of tithing? Why? Why not?

Read Malachi 3:6-12

- Do you ever feel like you might be holding something back from God? What is keeping you from giving it to Him?
- Have you ever trusted God by giving Him something significant? What happened?
- What would make you able to invest more in the things that make an eternal impact?

Next Step:

Take a step toward holding nothing back from God. Do you need to start tithing, change your schedule, give beyond a tithe, serve others? As you finish each day this week ask God, "Did I hold back anything today? Can you help me give it to You?"

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