



The LIFEhouse Church
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Sermon Notes

“ARE YOU A STEWARD OR AN OWNER?”

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Matthew 25:14-30

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<sup>14</sup>For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.

<sup>15</sup>"To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.

<sup>16</sup>"Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents.

<sup>17</sup>"In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more.

<sup>18</sup>"But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup>"Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

<sup>20</sup>"The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.'

<sup>21</sup>"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>22</sup>"Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.'

<sup>23</sup>"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>24</sup>"And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed.

<sup>25</sup>'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

<sup>26</sup>"But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed.

<sup>27</sup>'Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest.

<sup>28</sup>'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'

<sup>29</sup>"For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

<sup>30</sup>"Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.