

“The Parable of the Bags of Gold”Entrusted Wealth *Matthew 25:14***Be Thankful for What You Have Been Given** *Matthew 25:15 / Ephesians 2:10***Be Thankful and Take Advantage of the Opportunities Given to You***Matthew 25:16-17 / 1 Peter 4:10***There’s Always One That Thinks They Know a Better Way** *Matthew 25:18***The Day of Accountability Will Come** *Matthew 25:19*The Servant Who Used His Five Bags of Gold *Matthew 25:20-21*The Servant Who Used His Two Bags of Gold *Matthew 25:22-23*The Servant Who Buried His Talent *Matthew 25:24-27*If You Don’t Use It, You Can Lose It *Matthew 25:28-29***What happens when you faithfully use your gifts and talents to serve others?**

1. **What you _____ and steward well will _____.**
Matthew 25:20 ...you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’
2. _____, **your Master, will be _____ and say, “Well done,” and refer to you as a “good and faithful servant”.**
Matthew 25:21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’
3. **As you are _____ with what you have been given and you will be _____.**
Matthew 25:21 ...You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.
4. **Your Master, _____, will be _____ when you use the gift and He has given you!**
5. **You will be _____ to _____ in _____, _____!**
*Matthew 25:21 “Come and share your master’s happiness!’ (NIV)
Enter into the joy of your lord.’ (NKJ) / Let’s celebrate together!’ (NLT)*

Bold Next Step: I will take a spiritual gifts survey and attend Next Step Teams on Wednesday Night, 11-17-21. (Take the survey online by visiting the “Get Involved” page on our website: www.believersstatesboro.com)

Bold Next Step: I will begin to “First Serve” on one of the Believers Teams, knowing that when I use my gifts and talents I will share in Jesus’ happiness!

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. What do you do that causes people to say, “You know you are really good at _____?”
Could that be a gift or talent from the Lord?
2. All shyness and false humility aside... What are your gifts or talents? (We may need to help some group members to see their gifts and talents.) How are you using your gifts and talents to serve others?
3. According to 1 Peter 4:10, how many of us have received a gift from the Lord? What should you use your gift for? Peter says we are to faithfully steward our gifts. What does that mean?
From this passage why does Pastor Scott call our gifts “Grace Gifts”?
4. What happened when the servants with five and two talents used their talents, or invested them?
5. According to Matthew 25:21, what happens when you are faithful with what you are given?
6. When you use your gifts and talents, do you feel a sense of joy and happiness? Why?
How does it make Jesus feel when we use the gifts and talents he has given us?
If we enter the joy of the Lord when we serve others, why don’t we do it more?
7. Are you serving on a Believers Church Ministry Team? Why or why not?

Answers: use – multiply / Jesus – pleased / faithful – given – more / Jesus – happy / invited – share – Jesus’ - happiness