

What Do You Do With What You've Been Given

Glendale Scriptures: Prov. 3:9; 10:2; 21:5; 22:16; 27:23–24,
Gen. 1:27–28; 2:15, Matt. 25:14–30
Peoria Scriptures: Matt. 25:14–30



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For the week of Feb 7th & 8th

MY STORY

1. What is one helpful “nugget of wisdom” you have learned about budgeting or financial planning?

2. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. DIGGING DEEPER

This weekend, Pastor Dan and Pastor Michael walked us through the parable of the three servants in Matthew 25:14–30, showing that God entrusts each of us with something to steward intentionally. While the amounts differ, the responsibility does not. As you think about what God has placed in your hands, which servant do you relate to most, and why?

a. If you relate more to the one who buried it, how does the master’s response to the faithful servants challenge the way you view responsibility and risk?

b. If you relate more to the faithful servants, what motivates you to steward what God has given you well?

2. The faithful servants did not just obey internally, they acted outwardly. They took what they were given and entrusted it beyond themselves, which required risk, interaction, and trust. Fear, however, caused the third servant to isolate himself rather than engage others. Often fear does not stop us because we do not care, but because we are afraid of the response or the risk. Where might fear be keeping you isolated instead of obedient, and what would one relational step of trust look like for you?

3. Let's look together at a moment from Joseph's life that shows how faith and wisdom can work side by side. In Genesis 41:33–36, after God reveals the meaning of Pharaoh's dream, Joseph responds with practical steps for the years of abundance ahead. As you read, what actions does Joseph recommend, and what do they teach us about planning, saving, and preparing now for future seasons of need?

a. Joseph planned ahead during seasons of increase so he could be a blessing during seasons of lack. When you think about your current financial habits, are they preparing you only to survive, or positioning you to help others when need arises? What is one change God may be inviting you to make in how you save or budget?

4. 2 Timothy 1:7 reminds us that the Spirit God gives produces power, love, and self-discipline. While power and love often get our attention, self-discipline is what quietly shapes our habits, and our habits eventually shape our days, our character, and our future. Stewardship is rarely built in dramatic moments; it is formed through repeated, Spirit-led choices that align our lives with God's purposes. As you think about the week ahead, what is one intentional, repeatable action (no matter how small) that the Holy Spirit may be inviting you to practice daily?

TAKING IT HOME:

As Matthew 25 unfolds, Jesus makes it clear that stewardship is not only about growth but about compassion. The same chapter that calls us to faithfulness with resources also calls us to see and serve the least of these. Stewardship, then, is about creating margin, not just for ourselves, but for others, so God's resources can meet real needs through willing hands. When we steward wisely, we position ourselves to reflect the heart of the Father to those who need it most.

Action step this week:

- Create margin on purpose, not by accident.
- Align your budgeting with your values, not just your lifestyle.
- Invite responsible wisdom and counsel into your financial decisions.