

PATHWAYS

NEW SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Growing – 2 Peter 1:3-8

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The Good Shepherd: "I got you"
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MATTHEW 25:14-30 NIV

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

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¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’



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“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’



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“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’



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²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’

MATTHEW 25:14-30 NIV

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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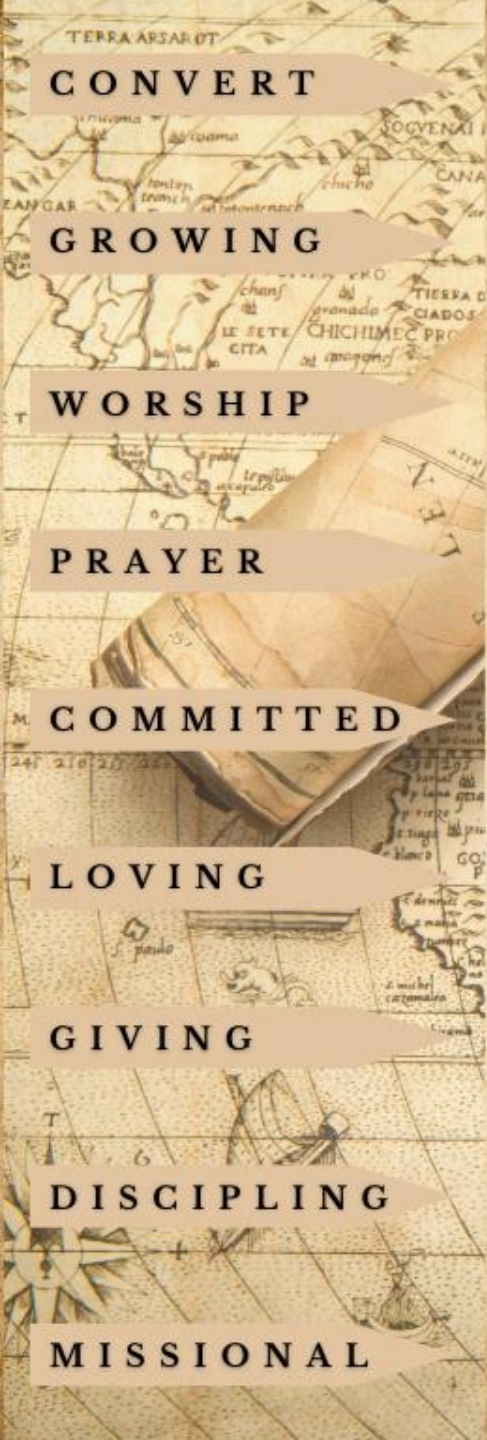
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- During Jesus' last week on earth, he's trying to impart a special truth to his followers:
- You're not responsible for all of the change and work, but you are responsible to do what you can- which is a LOT.
- If we're not careful, we can get stuck in the ditch of "i'll never be good enough"



**2. We are not all gifted in the same ways
we all have differing levels of ability
and expertise.**

- **Don't hyper focus on the amount of disparity of gifts.**
- **The Master knows you, gifts you and trusts you to do something good with it
don't look horizontally when evaluating what you have to work with; look vertically.**
- **God isn't looking at how much you produce, but for you to be intentional with what you have.**

3) Risk is always involved in using your talents.

- Count the cost.
- Invest in reasonably risky investments.
- Failure is part of the investment.
- Play the long game and put yourself in position to invest and reap over the long term.

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4. Risking and investing for Jesus allows us to share in our Master's joy imagine meeting Jesus and he's beaming with pride and joy- "Come and share in my happiness!"

- Investing our talents allows us to enjoy the happiness of Jesus.**



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- The lazy servant:
- Didn't change in positive ways; only became entrenched in the worst parts of who he was.
- Investing or burying- both of them are hard work!
- When we choose to not work, we grow in the worst possible ways.
- Investing or burying- both are hard; choose your hard!



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- What are some of the things that can cause us to be lazy?
- Defeat, depression, despair.
- You wage both spiritual and physical warfare against these things.
- They aren't spiritual beings; they are tools of the enemy and learned and chosen emotional responses to stressors.



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- How has God gifted you?
- How are you investing it in others, especially here at TSF?
- God made you for more- are you doing more?