

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

DEVOTION GUIDELINES

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3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

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Matthew 25:19-21 ¹⁹ “Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ 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.’ ²¹ 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.’

Matthew 25:24-26, 30 ²⁴ “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. ²⁵ And I was afraid and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ “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. ³⁰ Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

TALK TOGETHER.

1. Who do the master and the three servants represent? What does this teach us about our relationship with God?
2. What differentiates the reaction of the servant with one talent from the others?
3. Why do you think the third servant was called wicked?
4. What kind of things has God entrusted to us? Who is the owner of these things? How then should we use them?

CONVICTION

I will be faithful in being a steward of the time, money, and relationships God entrusted to me.

APPLICATION

How are you using the things God has entrusted you for His glory? How else can you show your faithfulness in serving Christ?

PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Father, help us to become faithful stewards if things you entrusted to us. May we wisely use our time, talents, treasures and opportunities in a way that will honor You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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