

Kingdom Economics

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For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
~Matthew 25:29 (ESV)

1) *Vigilance*

- A) The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) is a good reminder to live a life focused on Jesus Christ (Hebrews 12:1-3). Christ's return is certain, which demands vigilant living from His people (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11).
- B) With Christ's return comes the judgment of all mankind, for good and for evil (2 Corinthians 5:10). Will you stand on your own works (Romans 3:20, 23)? Or will you trust your whole life to Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-10)? "Vigilant" living treats the Gospel like air, you live or die by Christ!

2) *Value*

- A) The Parable of the Talents teaches us that true value is found through Kingdom of God investment. While Jesus uses money as His primary metaphor, the "value" of God's Kingdom is in its expansion.
- B) Money is an excellent measure of our Kingdom priorities, but only to the extent it invests in Kingdom priorities. The value of God's Kingdom is that God expects expansion, He demands expansive results!

3) *Virtuous*

- A) The Parable of the Talents is a shocking reminder that the good life does not come without cost! Living faithfully submits to God as He has revealed Himself, not fidelity to a false god of our own making. God's economy requires virtuous faithfulness for future blessing.