

C. The \_\_\_\_\_

They receive the joy of intimacy with Christ.

*“Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.”* John 15:15

V. YOU WILL BE PUNISHED FOR UNFAITHFULNESS  
(25:24-30)

A. An improper \_\_\_\_\_ of God results in unfaithfulness.

*“I Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”*

*2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:*

*3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*

*4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*

*5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

*6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”*

Genesis 3:1-6

B. Do not walk in fear, but in \_\_\_\_\_ when managing God’s money.

*“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”* Hebrews 11:6

**MONEY WISE**

**Wise Thinking About Money**

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**INTRODUCTION**

A. Jesus talked a lot about money. One out of every six verses of Jesus’ teachings in the Bible dealt with money including twelve out of thirty eight of the parables.

B. This three part series will show you how to be money wise and escape financial pain.

TODAY	Wise Thinking About Money
Feb 26	Wise Spending With Money
Mar 4	Wise Giving Of Money

C. **TEXT:** Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible/Page 28/New Test.)

The word “talent” refers to a certain amount of \_\_\_\_\_ used in Biblical days.

I. YOU MANAGE GOD’S MONEY (25:14-15)

A. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things.

*“The earth is the LORD’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”* Psalm 24:1

*“The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.”* Haggai 2:8

B. God \_\_\_\_\_ you some of His money.

*“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth,…”* Deuteronomy 8:18a

*“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?”*

I Corinthians 4:7

C. God \_\_\_\_\_ how much of His money to give you.

*“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”*  
Deuteronomy 32:4

*“... For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required”*  
Luke 12:48b

## II. YOU CHOOSE WHAT TO DO WITH GOD’S MONEY

(25:16-18)

A. Free \_\_\_\_\_ has been given to you by God.

*“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*  
Joshua 24:15

B. Every financial choice is an important \_\_\_\_\_ decision.

*“5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”*  
Proverbs 3:5-6

## III. YOU WILL BE JUDGED BY GOD (25:19)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ will be judged.

*“10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.  
11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.  
12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”*  
Romans 14:10-12

B. \_\_\_\_\_ is the standard of God’s judgment.

*“1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.  
2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”*  
I Corinthians 4:1-2

*“10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*

*11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?”*

Luke 16:10-11

## IV. YOU WILL BE REWARDED FOR FAITHFULNESS (25:20-23)

God will say three things to faithful managers:

A. The \_\_\_\_\_

They receive the pleasure of hearing Jesus say, “Well done.”

*“9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.*

*10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”*

II Corinthians 5:9-10

B. The \_\_\_\_\_

They receive the honor of ruling with Christ.

*“12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;*

*13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*

*14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.*

*15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”*

I Corinthians 3:12-15