



FINANCIAL FITNESS - Part 1 of 5 The Foundation of Financial Health October 26, 2014

SEVEN PRINCIPLES: MATT. 25:14-30

“The Kingdom of Heaven will be like a man going on a journey. He called his three servants together and entrusted his property to them.” Matt. 25:14

1. POSSESSION - EVERYTHING I HAVE **BELONGS TO GOD**

“To one servant he gave five talents of money, to another two talents of money, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he left on his journey.” Matt. 25:15

2. ALLOCATION - GOD HAS **LOANED ME MONEY**

“The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents also doubled his money. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and just hid his master's money.” Matt. 25:16-18

“After a long time the Master of the three servants returned to settle his accounts.” Matt. 25:19

3. ACCOUNTABILITY - ONE DAY **GOD WILL AUDIT ME**

“Each of us will give an account of himself to God.” Romans 14:12

“The man who had received five talents brought the other five he had made. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’” Matt. 25:20-21

“Then the servant with the two talents of money also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; now see that I have gained two more!’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’” Matt. 25:22-23

“Then the man who had received the one talent 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. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant!’” Matt. 25:24-26

“People ruin themselves by their own stupid actions and then blame the Lord.” Proverbs 19:3

“You should have at least put my money into the bank so I could make some interest!” Matt. 25:27

4. UTILIZATION - I MUST WISELY USE GOD'S MONEY

5. MOTIVATION - I MUST MOVE AGAINST MY FEARS

“Take away the money from this servant and give it to the one with ten talents. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance! But for those who are unfaithful, even what little they have will be taken away.” Matt. 25:28-29

6. APPLICATION - IF I DON'T USE IT, I LOSE IT

7. COMPENSATION - GOD WILL REWARD ME FOR GOOD MONEY MANAGEMENT

“The Master replied, ‘Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will now put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!’” Matt. 25:21