

Series: Generosity
Sermon: Investing myself
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Daily Readings

Monday: Matthew 25:14–30 — Read the parable of the talents. Reflect on what it means that the Master entrusted His wealth to His servants. How has God entrusted His resources to you?

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 — Meditate on Paul's reminder that you are not your own; you were bought with a price. How does belonging to Jesus change how you view your time, possessions, and abilities?

Wednesday: Luke 16:10–13 — Jesus teaches that faithfulness in little things reflects faithfulness in big things. What “small” area of your life might God be asking you to steward more faithfully?

Thursday: John 15:9–11 — Jesus promises that obedience leads to joy. How can living faithfully while you wait for Christ's return fill you with the Master's joy today?

Friday: Philippians 2:12–16 — Consider how we are called to live blamelessly and shine as lights while we wait for the day of Christ. What would it look like for you to live with joyful expectation instead of fear or laziness?

Saturday: Revelation 22:12–13 — Jesus says, “Behold, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me.” How does this promise shape your motivation for faithfulness and generosity as you wait?

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about **what it means to live faithfully while we wait for Jesus' return**? Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or encouraged you?
3. The sermon emphasized that we are to “use the Master's resources for the Master's gain in order to share the Master's happiness.”
What does that phrase mean to you personally?
What specific resources (time, abilities, finances, influence) has the Master entrusted to you?
4. Why do you think Jesus commends the faithful servants for being *faithful*, not *productive* or *successful*?

5. How does this story challenge our tendency to compare what we have or can do with others?
6. What does the story of the “one bag” servant reveal about misunderstanding God’s character? How does knowing that Jesus is a *good and joyful Master* change how you live?
7. What action step do you need to take in response to this week’s message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step

1. **Identify and invest:** Write down three specific resources (time, skill, money, relationships, etc.) that God has entrusted to you. Prayerfully ask how you can put them to work for His purposes this week.
2. **Shift your mindset:** Each day this week, remind yourself: “*The Master is good, and He is coming back.*” Let that truth motivate faithfulness, generosity, and joy in how you live and give.