MAKING THE MOST OF OUR TREASURE

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• How To Make The Most Of Our Treasure

• READ: Matthew 25:14-30
1. The Responsibility That Is Entrusted

• God Owns And Entrusts Us With His Time – Talent -- Treasure

• God Is The Owner Of Everything
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• (Exo 19:5 NIV) The whole earth is mine,

• (Psa 24:1 NIV) The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; (2) for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters
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• (Ezek 18:4 NIV)  For every living soul belongs to me …

• (Rom 14:8 NIV)  If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
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- Everything We Own Belongs To God:

  (1 Cor. 4:7 NIV)...what do you have that you did not receive?"
• Different People Are Given Different Amounts Of Talents

• (Matthew 25:15 NIV) To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey
• One Received Five Talents

• One Received Two Talents

• One Received One Talent
• To Whom Much Is Given ... Much Is Required

• (Luke 12:48b NIV) ... From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.
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• God Expects An Increase

• The Best Increase Comes From Kingdom Investments

• What You Keep, You Lose - What You Give, You Keep!
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- **Three Levels Of Kingdom Investing**
  - The Paying Of Tithes
  - The Giving Of Offerings
  - The Sowing Of Alms
Kingdom Investing Starts With The Tithe

- Tithe = 10% - This Is What You Owe God

- (Lev 27:30 NIV) "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD."
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Offerings Are Kingdom Investments

• The Offering Is Given Above The 10%

• Not Out Of Compulsion -- But Out Of The Leading Of The Holy Spirit
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Alms Giving Is Kingdom Investing

• Giving Alms Is Giving To The Poor

• (Prov 19:17 NIV) He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.

• Alms Giving Is A Loan Which God’s Word Says He Will Repay
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The Blessing Of Tithing

• (Malachi 3:10 NIV) Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.
(11) I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. (12) "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.
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**Blessings When You Tithe:**
- You Will Have Food In Your House
- The Flood Gates Of Heaven Will Be Opened
- God Will Rebuke The Devourer
- God Will Take Care Of You
The Curse Of Failing To Tithe

• (Malachi 3:8 NIV) "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. (9) You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me.

• The Tithe Is The Lords
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• The Tithe Is Not Optional -- It Is Not Ours -- It Belongs To God
2. The Return That Is Expected

• The Master Will Return
• The Signs Of Christ's Soon Return Are Many
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• We Need To Be Prepared For His Return Now
• We Need To Be Making The Most Of
  • Our Time
  • Our Talents
  • Our Treasure
• Because The Lord Is Coming Back
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• The Master Will Return To Settle The Accounts

• There Will Be A Report Card

• We Will Be Judged For Our Stewardship Effectiveness – As To How We Handled The Money That God Has Entrusted To Us.
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Report Card Questions:

• What Have You Done With What You Have?
• What Priorities Are Seen In Your Personal Finances?
• Where Is Your Treasure And Where Is Your Heart?
3. The Reward That Is Extended

- If We Will Be Faithful With Our Finances Putting God First In Our Giving: His Reward Will Be Extended To Us
• (1 Tim 6:18-19 NIV) Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. (19) In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.
• (Mat 6:19-21 NIV) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. (20) But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (21) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
• Build Your Life On Things That Last
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• Present And Future Rewards

• There Is A Blessing In This Life For Tithers

• Investing In The Kingdom Encourages Our Spiritual Growth And Trust In God.
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• **You Cannot Out-Give God!**

• (2 Cor. 9:6 NIV) Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
• Being Faithful With Your Treasure Will Allow You To Experience God’s Creative Care And Provisions In Ways You Would Not Otherwise Experience.
• (Prov 3:9 NIV) Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; (10) then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.
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• (Luke 6:38 NIV) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."