

Valuing Our Vision series
Management Matters
Message Text: Matthew 25:14-30
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Entrusted with the Master's Valuables

Handed over

Talents

What we do with what we've been Given

Putting the money to work

Buried and forgotten

Faithful stewards are productive investors who stand ready for

Christ's return.

The Day of Reckoning

Praise and Reward

Rebuke and Punishment

Go Deeper:

- 1) As managers of God's property what should our attitude be?
- 2) How comprehensive is God's ownership of what we possess?
- 3) What would it look like for you to 'double' the investment that God has entrusted to you? (see vv.16-18)
- 4) What would be a modern version of this parable?
- 5) When it comes to the stewardship of God's property which servant are you most like? Explain.
- 6) If God's day of reckoning were today, what kind of reception would you expect from Him based on your stewardship?
- 7) According to this parable how do we make ourselves ready for the return of Jesus Christ?
- 8) What are the areas of your life in which you struggle to live as a manager instead of the one who is in control and calls the shots?
- 9) Why is the master justified in treating the wicked and slothful servant so harshly?
- 10) How does the master's (Jesus) treatment of the wicked servant affect your view of Him?

Next Steps:

- I will take my dollar and invest it for the kingdom of God so that I can take part in seeing MorningStar accomplish our vision to become a multi-generational church that is simply and clearly communicating the unchanging gospel in the ever changing South Dayton cultural context.
- I have been living more like the slothful servant. I am going to unbury God's talent He's given me this week and being investing it to advance His kingdom.
- Write in your own: _____