

“Loaners Not Owners!”

Part 3

“Using or Losing”

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Matthew 25:21 NLT

Matthew 25:14-30

A. The Owner entrusted his wealth...

“He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

1. The Owner gave varying amounts to three ‘loaners!’
2. The Owner gave in proportion to what he believed each ‘loaner’ could handle.
3. The Owner entrusted His money to each giving the same trust to all three!

“He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.”

All I have is His...

I am the loaner, He is the Owner!

B. The ‘loaners’ were responsible for the money...

“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.”

1. The ‘loaner’ with five gained five more.
2. The ‘loaner’ with two gained two more.
3. The ‘loaner’ with one...returned one!

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C. The response of the Owner...

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities.”

1. Both ‘loaners’ who doubled their income received the same response, even though their amounts were different.
2. Both ‘loaners’ were rewarded as both had immediately used the money that was available to them.
3. The ‘loaner’ with the least was condemned for his lack of effort!

“But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.”

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D. The takeaway for all of us...

“To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance.”

1. God is the one who determines what we have. So comparison will only leave you bitter or angry. Trust God to know what you can handle!
2. God holds us responsible for all He gives us, not just how we use His tithe!
3. God wants to celebrate our victories with us! WDG&F! Let’s C!!
4. God rewards those who wisely use His resources with more resources. His trust increases with our faithfulness!

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E. What was the ‘loaner’ missing...

“Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

1. He failed to have a clear understanding of God and God’s expectations!

‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man’

2. He focused on what he didn’t have rather than on what he had.
3. He allowed fear to paralyze him.
4. He had little appreciation for what he was given.
5. He had no confidence in the Owner’s trust.
6. He was lazy and unwilling to do the work needed to succeed.
7. We lose what we don’t use!!
8. He lost the Owner’s trust, the Owner’s potential for making a difference, and his relationship with the Owner!

Did he steal from the Owner?

Did he misuse what the Owner had given him?

Did he poorly invest what he was given?

No...he played it safe and simply did nothing!!

**He lost sight of the trust that was given him...
as a loaner from the Owner!**

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