

## **“Faithful Servants with Their Master’s Bags”**

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**In Matthew 25:14-30, the kingdom of heaven is compared to a master who entrusts his wealth—bags of gold or “talents”—to his servants.**

1. God is the gracious owner of all things. It’s “*His* wealth.”
2. God is gracious to all His servants. It’s His wealth “*entrusted*” to us.

**The parable of the bags of gold draws us to a deeper understanding of God’s gifts to us and our faithful management of them.**

**Stewardship** *is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.*

Simply put, God calls us to lives of **FAITH**.

*“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace,  
so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.”*

MARTIN LUTHER

**One Accounting. Two Results.**

1. Joyfully sharing  
*“Come and share your master’s happiness!”*
2. Fearfully burying  
*“I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground.”*

*What is the main reason for the two different results?*

**Faith changes your perspective on...**

- Who the Master is.
- What the Master has done for you.
- How the Master will bless those who trust in Him.