**Living a Life of Gospel-Fueled Service and Generosity**

**Lesson 8:** Kingdom Focused Living

**Sunday Message Text:** Luke 16:1-15.

**Big Idea:** Our understanding that we have been given eternal life in God’s Kingdom must cause us to live differently in this life.

**Focus:** God wants us to use what He’s given us to make a real difference for the gospel and for eternity.

1. What is one thing from Sunday’s message that “caused you to pause” and evaluate your attitude toward your wealth/possessions? Does it need to change? If so, how can that be done?
2. In view of Sunday’s message and Luke 16:10-12, what main principle should manage the way we use our resources?

**Read** Matthew 25:14-30

1. What do the master and the three servants represent in this story? What do the “talents” (bags of gold) symbolize?
2. See v.15 – The master gave each servant a different number of talents (bags of gold), “according to his ability”. What does this teach us about our own unique gifts and responsibilities?
3. The first two servants received the same compliment *(Well done, good and faithful servant).* What does this teach us about our faithfulness verses our results?
4. What was the third servant’s view of the master? How did this view influence his actions? What is your view of the “Master”?
5. The third servant is called “wicked and lazy”, and everything was taken from him. Do you think this penalty was mainly for not making a profit, or for his underlying attitude and fear? Explain.
6. The master’s reward was “come and share your master’s happiness”. *(Matthew 25:21)* What does this phrase mean to you when you consider your own faithfulness?
7. This parable is about being prepared for Jesus’s return. How does how you use your “talents” *today* impact how you’re ready for *that* day?
8. How can you be a faithful servant with what God has given you? What are some practical steps you can take to “invest” your talents for His Kingdom?