

V. THE PRINCIPLE OF **FAITH**:

Manage money by faith, not by fear.

“24 “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’

26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.”

Matthew 25:24-26

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10

VI. THE PRINCIPLE OF **COMPENSATION**:

God will reward you for faithful management.

“27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.” Matthew 25:27-29

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.”

Matthew 25:21

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INTRODUCTION

- A.** Modern families have major problems! We no longer live in a culture where the majority of homes include two parents with 2.3 kids and a white picket fence. The reality is modern family life is extremely complex, often dysfunctional and very painful. Is there any hope? YES! God has timeless wisdom for today’s families. He knows and cares and wants to help your family thrive.

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Joshua 24:15

- B.** You’re invited to attend this powerful series on the modern day family. You will discover how to have healthy relationships in whatever family situation whether single, married, kids, empty nester, whatever.

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- C. TEXT:** Matthew 25:14-29 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1150/New Test.)

MODERN FAMILY FINANCES

I. THE PRINCIPLE OF POSSESSIONS:

Everything you have belongs to God.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.” Matthew 25:14

“The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.” Psalm 24:1

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.” Job 1:21

“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” I Corinthians 4:2

II. THE PRINCIPLE OF ALLOCATION:

God has loaned you the money.

“And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.” Matthew 25:15

“16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money.” Matthew 25:16-18

“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth...” Deuteronomy 8:18a

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

I Timothy 6:10

III. THE PRINCIPLE OF ACCOUNTABILITY:

One day God will audit you.

“After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.” Matthew 25:19

“10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written: “As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.”

12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”

Romans 14:10-12

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” II Corinthians 5:10

“But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.” Luke 12:48

IV. THE PRINCIPAL OF UTILIZATION:

You must use it for good.

20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’

21 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

22 He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’

23 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.” Matthew 25:20-23