

## Matthew 25:14-19—*The Stewardship of Outreach - Part I*

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**Lesson 1:** We are \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thes 2:4; 1 Cor 4:1-2).

**Lesson 2:** We're \_\_\_\_\_ for the work the Master wants us to do (Matt 25:14-15; 1 Pet 4:10; Luke 12:48).

**Lesson 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ leads to unfaithfulness (Matt 25:16-17).

**Lesson 4:** We all fail, but the sin is \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 25:18; Pro 24:16; Psa 37:24, 145:14; Mic 7:8).

**Lesson 5:** Our \_\_\_\_\_—versus our sin—is judged (Matt 25:19; Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10)

### Four practical suggestions to help WCC grow in outreach:

1. Pray for WCC to grow in this area.
2. Pray for wisdom for the elders to be sensitive to God's leading.
3. Pray about who God would have you invite to church.
4. Find ways for your home fellowship to focus on outreach.

### Family Worship Guide

Memory Verses: Matthew 20:26-28

**Day 1: Read 1 Cor. 4:1-2 and discuss:** Upon what basis is the gospel one of our most important stewardships? What difference should this make in your daily life? Are you a faithful steward? If not, who could you ask for help? Who can train you up to be a faithful steward of the gospel?

**Day 2: Read Matthew 25:14-30 and discuss:** Why do we give gifts? Why does God? (See also 1 Peter 4:10) What are two ways the Lord “evens out” the distribution of talents?

**Day 3: Read Matthew 25:14-30 and discuss:** What small detail related to timing does Matthew present in verse 16? What is the significance of this detail? Evaluate yourself, prayerfully: how do you establish priorities? What factors come into play as you make your decisions? About which things do you procrastinate?

### Suggestions for Prayer

**Your pastors and elders:** those who lead, feed, and care for the flock, and their families (Col 4:3; 2 Thes 3:1).

**Church members in need** (1 Tim 2:1; Eph 6:18; Col 1:9).

**“Kings” and those in authority:** President Trump, Vice President Pence, Governor Inslee (1 Tim 2:2).

**The spread of the Gospel:** Missionaries and unreached people groups (Matt 9:37-38).