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**WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

Matthew 25:14-30

ENVY IS THE ENEMY OF PROGRESS

ACCOUNTABILITY FOLLOWS GIFTING

FEAR IS NO EXCUSE FOR INACTIVITY

***(SERMON IN A SENTENCE)*** The resources in our hands are blessings with purpose.

**MEMORY VERSE**

For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. -Matthew 25:29 NIV

**WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?**

(Icebreaker) What is something you see on social media or elsewhere that you know is unrealistic, but still makes you feel envious?

Read Matthew 25:14-15. We cannot choose our blessing, but we can be good stewards of it! Can you share a time when you were envious of someone else’s blessing rather than focusing on your own?

Read Matthew 25:16-18. What does it mean for us to put our money to work? In other words, how can we show a good return when asked to give an account for our master’s trust?

Does this story suggest that it is wrong to save for an emergency or retirement? How do you reconcile these practices with our responsibility to put our resources to work?

Do you think you would be more generous or less generous with more money in your hands? Why? What evidence is there of this in your life?

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