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**Back to Basics**



**STEWARDSHIP:**  
MORE THAN MONEY

1 Corinthians 4:2

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# **When Fear Drives ... ...Our Stewardship**

## **Pt 2**

### **Matthew 25:14-30**

# **Back to Basics.. ...Stewardship**

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# Stewardship

Simple Definition...

...Practice of Managing

...Another's Resources



# Stewardship

*“The earth is the LORD’s, / everything in it, the world, / all who live in it.” Psa 24:1, I Cor 10:26*


## Stewardship Fact #1

 God Owns It All

## Stewardship Fact #2

 We Don’t Own Anything

## Stewardship Fact #3

 We are Called to Manage...  
...God’s Possessions



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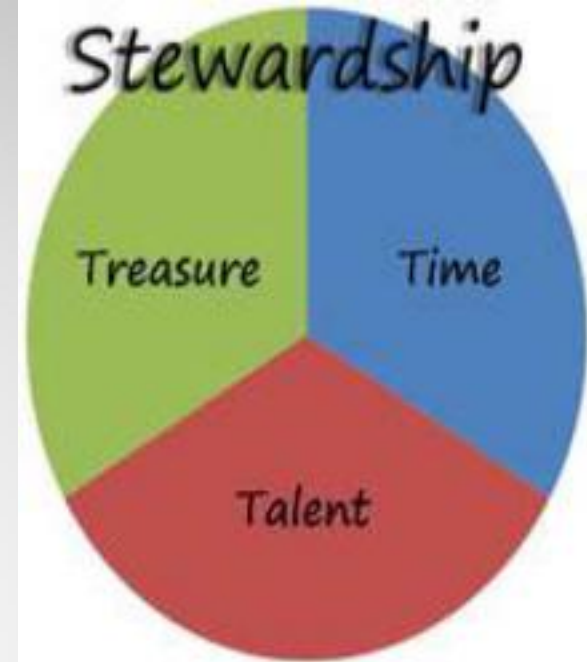
**We Are All Stewards of the...**

- **Time**
- **Talent**
- **Treasures**

**...the Master Has Entrusted to Us**

**One Day Each One of Us Will Be Called to...**

**...Give an Account for How We Have Managed It**





FEAR

# **Fear Driven Makes Us Cynical**

**Fear Gave Him a Negative View on Life:**

*"I knew that you are a hard man" (24)*

**The Other Two Never Saw the Master that Way**

- **Positive About Their Relationship**
- **Believed They Would Be Rewarded.**
  - **They Shared in His Joy**

**It was His Attitude**

§ **Fear is a Way of Negative Thinking**

§ **Saw the Master as a Mean Man**

§ **Let Fear Swallow Him Up!**

**God is a Loving Heavenly Father w- Plan for us All!**

# **Fear Drives Complacency**

**Fear Makes us Dig a Hole / Hide...**

**...What Needed to Be Put to Work**

*“I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine” (25)*

**Realize Your Life has Purpose**

- **God has Given Us Talents/ Resources.**
- **Its Time to Dig Up Your Talents, Gifts, Dreams, Goals, Hobbies,/ Plans, / Invest in Others**
- **Pass On What You Have Learned to Others**

# **Fear Makes Us Cop Out**

**Excuses Keep Us From Being Productive**

**He Blamed Character /Personality of the Master..**

**...as the Cause for His Lack of Investing**

**Note- 3rd Man Agreed to Take the Money / Invest It.**

**It was Only When Fear Set in...**

**...He Started to Make Excuses.**



# Five Major Excuses (24-25)

- **I Didn't Do It** -consists of denial or blaming others *“lord I knew....”*
- **It Wasn't So Bad** -minimize our sins / mistakes *“I went / hid...”*
- **Yes, but....** -Admission of guilt, followed by an excuse. *“I couldn't help it,” “It wasn't really me”- “I knew...”*
- **It's Not My Fault** -We shift responsibility to others, the past, or anything or anyone rather than owning up to our own responsibility. *“you are a hard man...”*
- **I Can't Do It** -We sell ourselves short. Fear causes the mind to shut down. Instead of seeing opportunities, we see obstacles. *“I was afraid...”*

# **Fear Costs Us Our Potential**

*Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. (26-29)*

## **There's a Price Tag Attached to Fear**

- **What Doesn't Develop Deteriorates**
- **In the End, He Loses the Initial Investment**

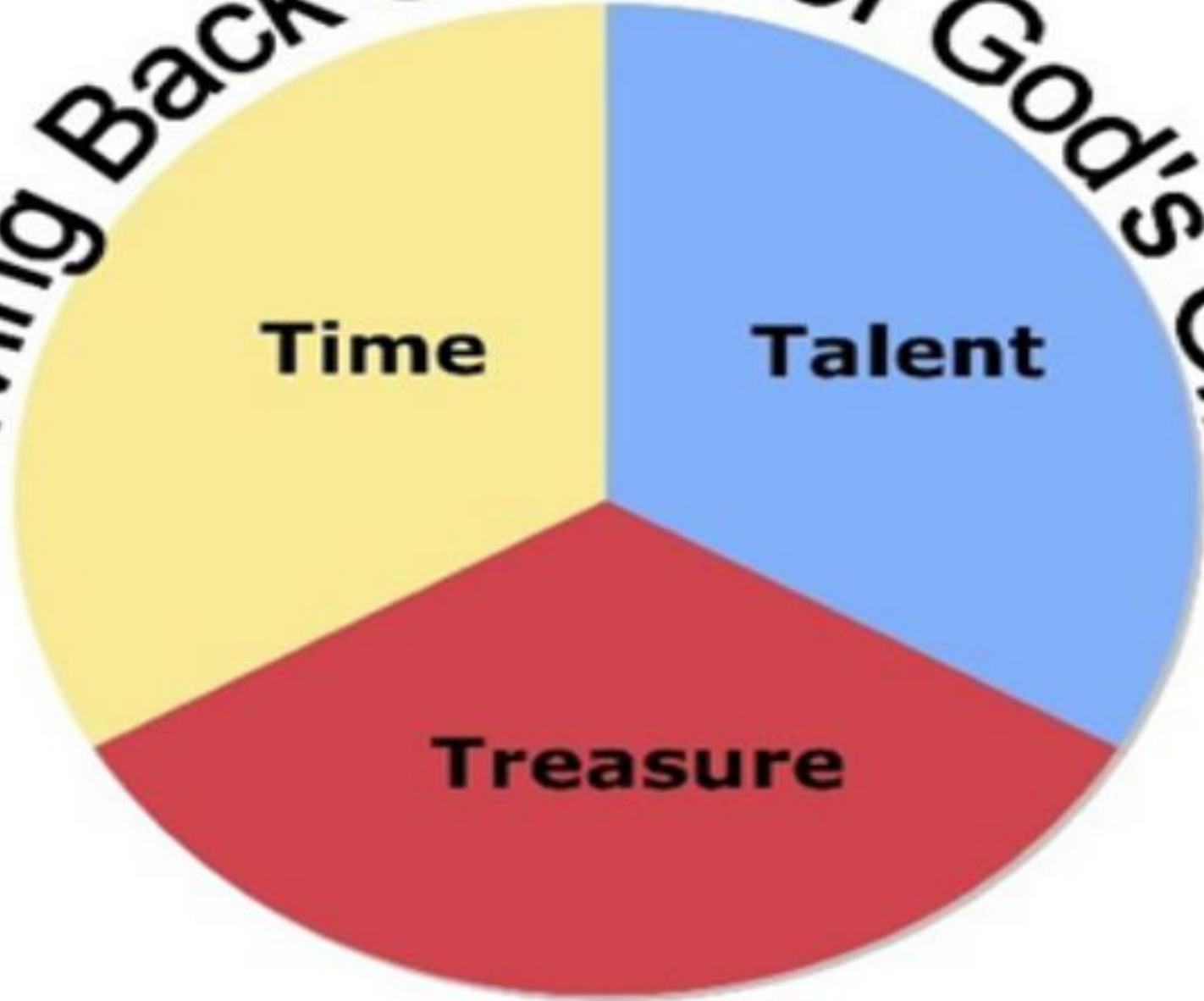
**Fear Diminishes us; Faith Enriches us**

**If You Have Buried Your Talents Because of Fear...**

**...Dig Them Up / Begin to Make an Investment**

**...of Your Life for God's Glory.**

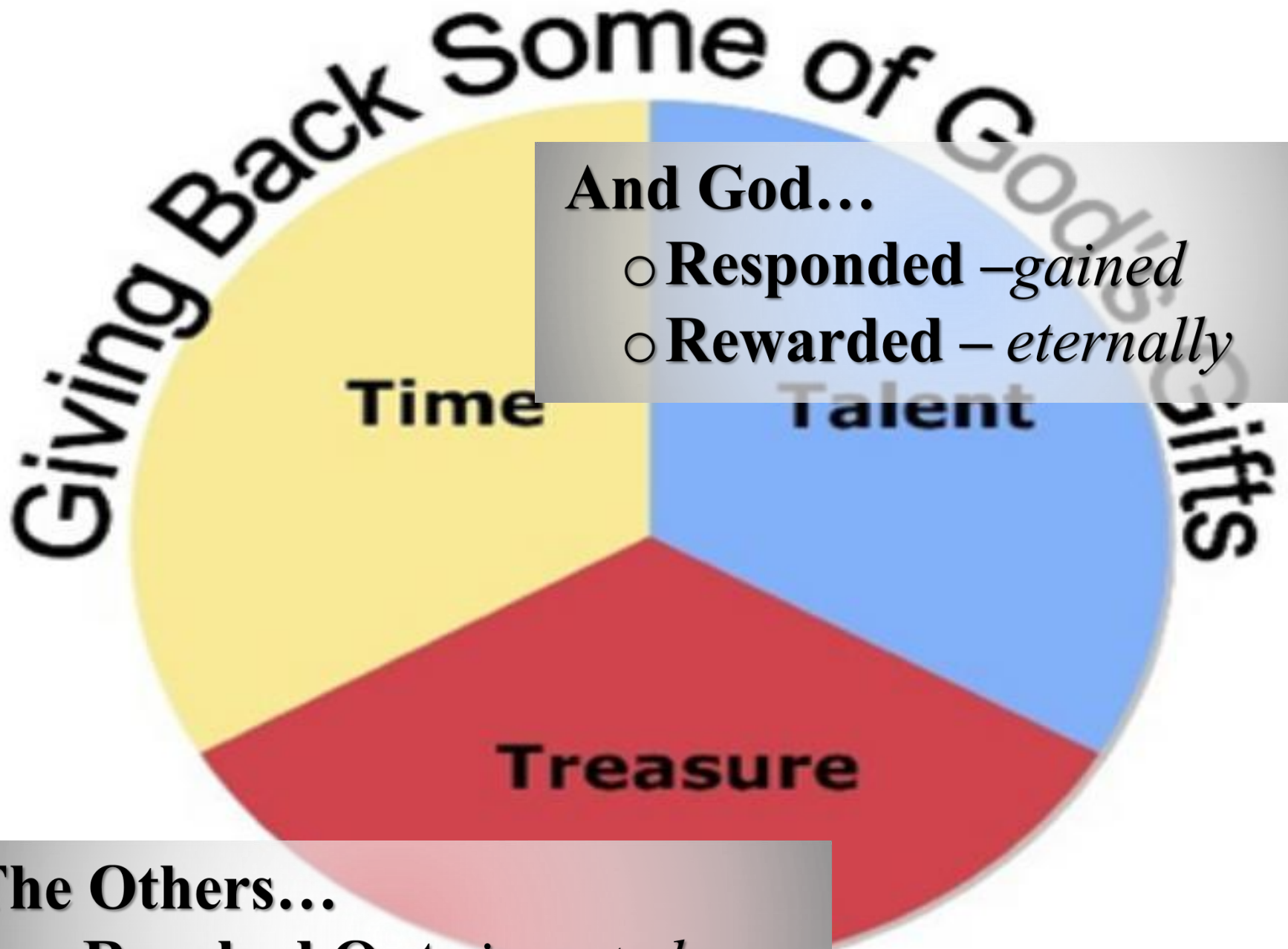
**Giving Back Some of God's Gifts**



**Time**

**Talent**

**Treasure**



**And God...**

- **Responded** – *gained*
- **Rewarded** – *eternally*

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# FEAR Has Two Meanings

F~ Forget

E~ Everything

A~ And

R~ Run

Or

F~ Face

E~ Everything

A~ And

R~ Rise

The Choice Is YOuRS..!!

# The Lord's Prayer and Stewardship

I CANNOT SAY...

- ***"our"*** if i have no room in my life for others and their needs.
- ***'father'*** if i do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.
- ***"who art in heaven"*** if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.
- ***"hallowed be thy name"*** if i, who am called to bear his name, am not holy.
- ***"thy kingdom come"*** if i am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of god.
- ***"thy will be done"*** if I am unwilling or resentful of having god's will in my life.
- ***"on earth as it is in heaven"*** unless I am truly ready to give myself to his service here and now.
- ***"give us this day our daily bread"*** without expending honest

# The Lord's Prayer and Stewardship

## I CANNOT SAY...

- ***"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"*** if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.
- ***"lead us not into temptation"*** if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.
- ***"deliver us from evil"*** if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the ultimate weapon of prayer.
- ***"thine is the kingdom"*** if I do not give the kind of disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.
- ***"thine is the power"*** if I fear what my neighbors may say or do.
- ***"forever"*** if I am too anxious about each day's events.

***"amen"*** unless I can honestly say, ***"as yet what it may, this***