
5. Loss: God _____ What We Will Not Invest.

Matthew 25:24 "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed...."

Matt. 25:25 'So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

*Matthew 25:26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So **you knew** that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? [27] Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'"*

Mt. 25:28 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.'"

Mat. 25:30 "And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

1 Cor. 6:19-20 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

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His vs. "Mine!"

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A major driver of stress is our **insistence** to be in _____.

Psalm 24:1-2 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Luke 18:16 But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

¹⁷ I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Stress comes from having to control something you intuitively deem as _____ to your well-being.

1. Ownership: God is the _____, Not Me.

1 Chron. 29:14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

Psalms 50:10 for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

Psalms 100:3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

2. Stewardship: God _____ Us With What's His

Mat. 25:14 it will be like a man going on a journey who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

Deut. 8:18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

The antidote to stress is _____.

Matthew 25:15 "To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey."

3. Accountability: God _____ Accounts.

Matthew 25:19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them."

Romans 14:12 So then, each of us will **give an account** of himself to God.

Hebrews 9:27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

4. Reward: God _____ Us for Our Investments

Matthew 25:21, 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

A _____: who you are. Someone significant notices what you did and it mattered to them.

A _____: what you did. Someone significant notices what you did and it made a difference.

A _____: what you get. You were given extra privilege and reward.

A _____: what you feel. There is a **shared** joy and fulfillment.
