Taking a Risk for God

Matthew 25:14-30 Rev. Steve Vaughn June 29, 2025





2 Timothy 1:7

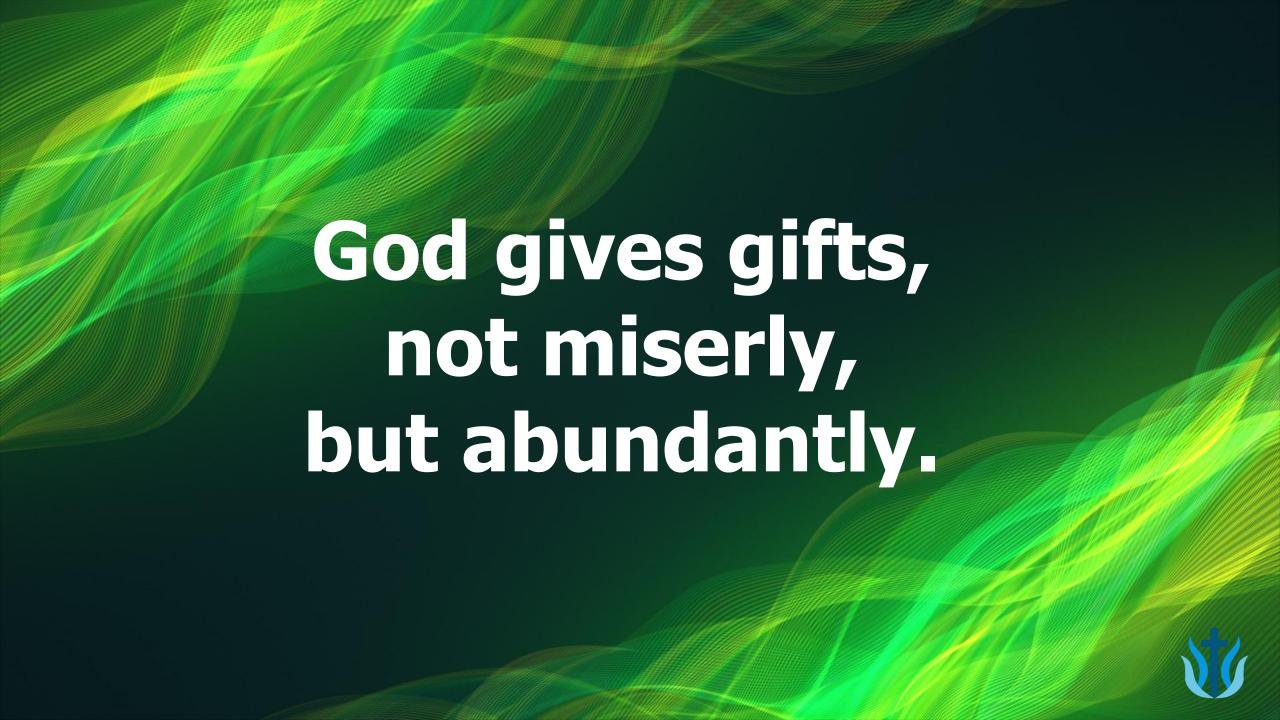
For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline.





Matthew 25:14-15

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.





Five Talent/Two Talent Went & Traded Invested Went out on a limb Risked it all **Grew** in faith Made money **Received** praise

One Talent Went & dug **Buried Hugged the tree** Played it safe **Stayed faithless Made mud Received retribution**



Some invest their talents and give God credit. Some misuse their talents and give God grief.



Matthew 25:24-25

Then the man who had received one bag of gold 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. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

Matthew 25:26-27

"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?



Matthew 25:26-27

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."



Acts 7:51

"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!"



The only mistake is not to risk making one.

For fear of doing the wrong thing for God, you'll do nothing for God. For fear of messing up, you'll miss out.



Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.



Psalm 103:8-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; ¹as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.



Psalm 103:8-13

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him;



"The decision to grow always involves a choice between risk and comfort. This means that to be a follower of Jesus, you must renounce comfort as the ultimate value of your life." - John Ortberg

