

Taking a Risk for God

Matthew 25:14-30

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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.



**God gives gifts,
not miserly,
but abundantly.**



**Use your uniqueness
to take great risks for God**



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

