

# talk it *over*

## committed- week one

### Key Scripture

Matthew 25.14-30

### Key Points

Four Tips on How to be a Wise Steward

1. You are a steward of God's money.
2. How you manage the money entrusted to you reflects what you treasure.
3. Get control of your money.
4. Be fully committed.

### Takeaway

*A steward is a financial manager who looks after another's property. God has trusted you with His possessions, now trust Him with His provisions.*

### GROW-

Deuteronomy 8.17-18 // Matthew 6.21 // Proverbs 13.7, 21.5

### LIVE-

**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.** Three servants are given the same gift in three different amounts. Two of the servants took what they had been given and they used their influence over the gift to honor their master. The third buried his gift and left it untouched until the master returned. At the core of this passage is a reflection of the heart towards the gifts and things of God. This passage isn't as much about our giving, as it is about our posture and our response to the things God has already given us. When we invest His gifts, we express our gratitude to God by using what He has given us as a means of glorifying His Name.

### LOOK-

How do you look at the gifts God has trusted you with?

Is your giving tied to your getting something in return?

Or is your giving an expression of your worship, and done not to get, but because you have already been given much?

### LOVE-

Jesus doesn't need your money. And in reality, He doesn't want it. What He wants is more of your heart. But He knows our hearts are too often in competition with the things we want or already possess. Jesus isn't anti-having things. It's quite the opposite. Jesus is the giver of things. But He also knows we will try to use things to fill the void only He can fill. We get something, we earn something, then we close our fists and call it "mine." But Jesus changes that mentality. He gives us eyes to see His goodness, and that what we have is merely on loan from Him; making our giving a response to His grace and glory in our lives.