

DOLLARS AND SENSE
Part 1 "The Foundation of Financial Health"

1. POSSESSION: EVERYTHING I HAVE BELONGS TO GOD

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

2. ALLOCATION: GOD HAS LOANED ME MONEY

money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents also doubled his money. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and just hid his master's money." Matt. 25:16-18

"After a long time the Master of the three servants returned to settle his accounts." Matt. 25:19

3. ACCOUNTABILITY: ONE DAY GOD WILL AUDIT ME

"The man who had received five talents brought the other five he had made. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'" Matt. 25:20-21

4. UTILIZATION: I MUST WISELY USE GOD'S MONEY

"The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest." Matt. 25:27

5. MOTIVATION: I MUST MOVE AGAINST MY FEARS

"I was afraid and went out and hid your money in the ground." Matt. 25:25

"Take away the money from this servant and give it to the one with ten talents. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance! But for those who are unfaithful, even what little they have will be taken away." Matt. 25:28-29

6. APPLICATION: IF I DON'T USE IT I LOSE IT

"Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this "play-it-safe" who won't go out on a limb." Matt. 25:28

7. COMPENSATION: GOD REWARDS GOOD MONEY MANAGEMENT

"The Master replied, 'Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will now put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!'" Matt. 25:2