

Stewardship Kaleidoscope
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Theology for Year Round Money Talk

Workshop B -23

What
the
Bible
Says
about
Money.

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**What
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Email sign up for:

Two power point resources

*What the Bible says about Money –
One Year (63 slides by topic)*

*What the Bible says about Money
(371 slides by Scripture)*

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**Why did you choose
this talk today?**

Twelve Biblical Money Topics

Preaching the Stories

Outlines for Classes

Tools for Communicating

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MONEY, MONEY,
MONEY

LET'S

TALK

ABOUT

MONEY

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Why I like to talk
about Money?

One of top 3 difficulties

For People

For Marriage Stability

For Healthy Churches

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Why I like to talk
about Money?

Money is the

most important topic

for spiritual growth

Most don't handle it well

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Why I like to talk about Money?

*Money is the
Training Ground for
Spiritual Things*

Luke 16:10 Being wise in small things, handling them well, makes a person faithful in more and larger things. The opposite is true also, choosing to handle things unwisely will result in a person being unwise in everything. 11 So, if a person handles money in an unwise way, why would someone allow them to handle **true riches**? 12 And if a person is not wise in the way they handle **someone else's possessions**, why would anyone give them something of their own? 13 A person cannot serve two masters at the same time, they will always favor one and despise the other. A person cannot be devoted to God and to their money at the same time.

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**Reasons why
pastors and church
leaders do not talk
a lot about money.**

Do not understand money

Afraid to talk about money

It is not “spiritual” to talk money

They don't like asking people to give

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Why I like to talk
about Money?

If people are wise w/ money

they have the discipline needed

to gain spiritual understanding

to apply Biblical Principles to life

We Need to Talk about Money in the Church

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Desert Pete by The Kingston Trio

You've got to prime the pump
You must have faith and believe
You've got to give of yourself
'Fore you're worthy to receive

Drink all the water you can hold
Wash your face, cool your feet
But leave the bottle full for others
Thank you kindly, Desert Pete

God's well will never run dry, if primed with giving

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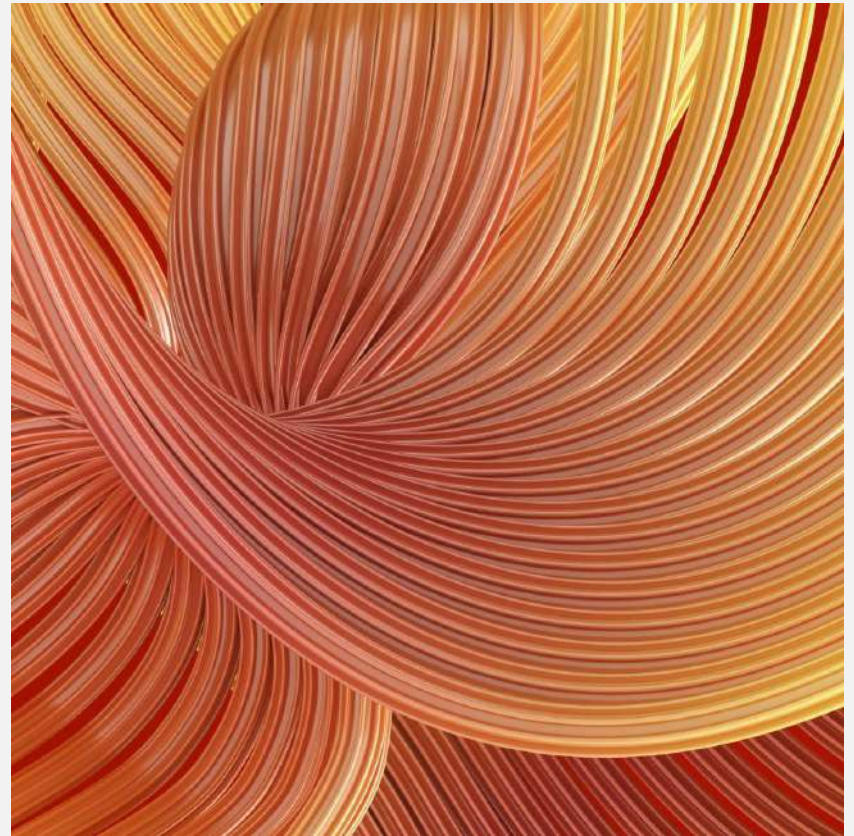
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Traditional Approach

Alternative Approach

Twelve Topics

Preaching / Teaching



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THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH

The common mantra for money
is Get more,
Get a raise,
Get a new job,
All so I can have more,
to spend on me.

To Get More is the same as GREED.
God wants US to learn to be generous.

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THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH

The stewardship campaign

One or two sermons

Talk to people one on one

Send a letter

Appeal to different generations

Trying to get the 80% to give more

All focused on getting people to give more.

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THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Based on the need of the budget

Crisis Management, falling short

To expand the program

To do the ministry

All about the people providing, giving

Give more and we will be fine

Teaching people that if they get more
they will be fine

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THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH A question?

Which do you want?

People providing for the needs of the church?

Or

Having God provide for the
“institution” that bears His name?

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THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH

An answer.

IF we expect the people to provide:

By all means, ask for them to give
more.

IF we believe God is the provider:

Then teach His people to imitate Him
and use their money generously and
wisely, which is a far broader reach
than just giving to the church.

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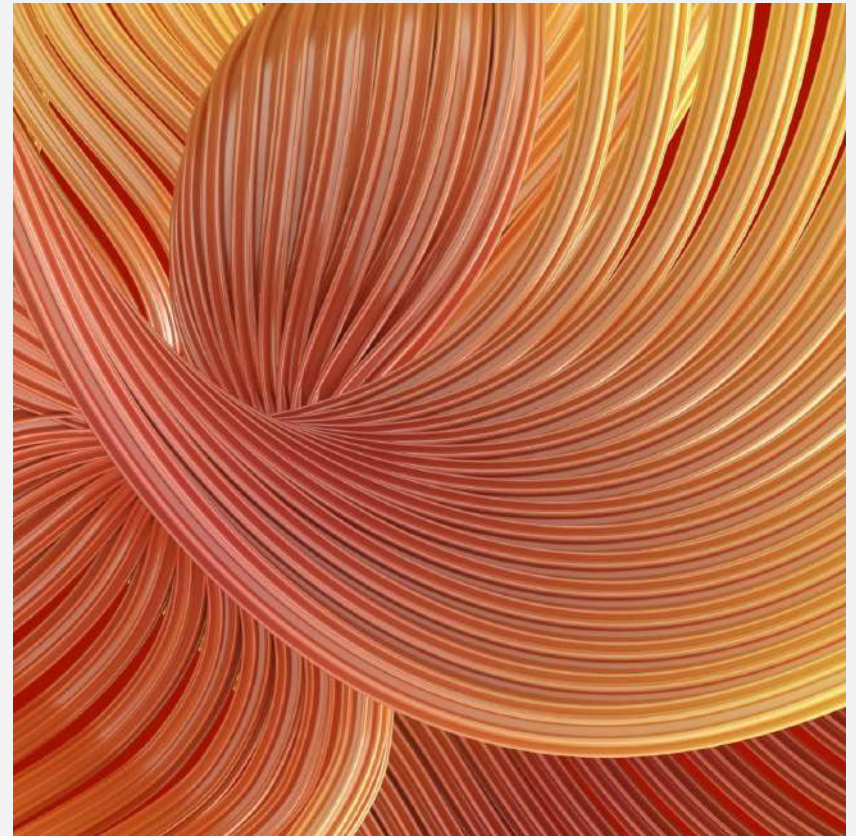
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Alternative
Approach

Teach people to use their money

As generously as God does and

Enough will flow into the Church

To carry out the mission of God.

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Alternative
Approach

Do not be afraid to talk about

Jesus did all the time (141 stories)

_____ have problems w/ money

Because they do not know how...

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Alternative
Approach
A Biblical Truth

A person will give more

Be more generous

When they understand God's ways,

That He is generous in every way.

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The Benefits of Giving away.

First, giving **meets the needs of others**, supplies, paychecks.

Second, giving **loosens the grip of greed** in your life and in the lives of those around you.

Third, giving **gives back to you**. What you sow, you reap. How you treat others will be how they treat you.

Fourth, generous people **live longer**, according to recent scientific studies. Good things come your way when you are generous. (Psalm 112:5)

Fifth, generous people live happier, so the testing now concludes. God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7) Compared to those who grudgingly keep things to themselves.

Sixth, just for fun, there is something I have found over the years, **the more I desire to protect what I have and try to grow my savings, the more I watch it slip away.**

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Remember, money
is the training
ground

- **Money is the training ground** where we learn to handle spiritual things well. [Luke 16:10-13](#);
 - Godliness is to be content with what we have. [1 Tim. 6:1-6](#);
- **The Education Gained from Money**
 - Giving to the poor teaches us compassion. [James 2:14-17](#); the value of love. [Rom. 13:6-10](#); and humility. [Matt. 7:6-12](#);
- **Seek First the Kingdom of God**
 - and all needed things and more will be ours.
 - All we need is provided for us by God, He asks us to seek Him. [Matt 6:33](#); [Luke 12:26-31](#);
 - To do this we must relinquish our claim to this world & the things in it. [Luke 5:4-11](#); [5:27-28](#); [12:32-34](#);
 - Do not trust in the provisions of this world but in the provider Himself, God. [Luke 12:13-21](#);

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Biblical Theology

- **Teach people to be more like Jesus.**
- **And they will become compassionate, loving, humble, and very generous.**
- **Our goal in the church is to produce mature disciples, not to have the biggest church.**
- **By being fearful of our church's budget shortfall we demonstrate greed rather than trust, acquiring rather than giving, and hoarding rather than generosity.**

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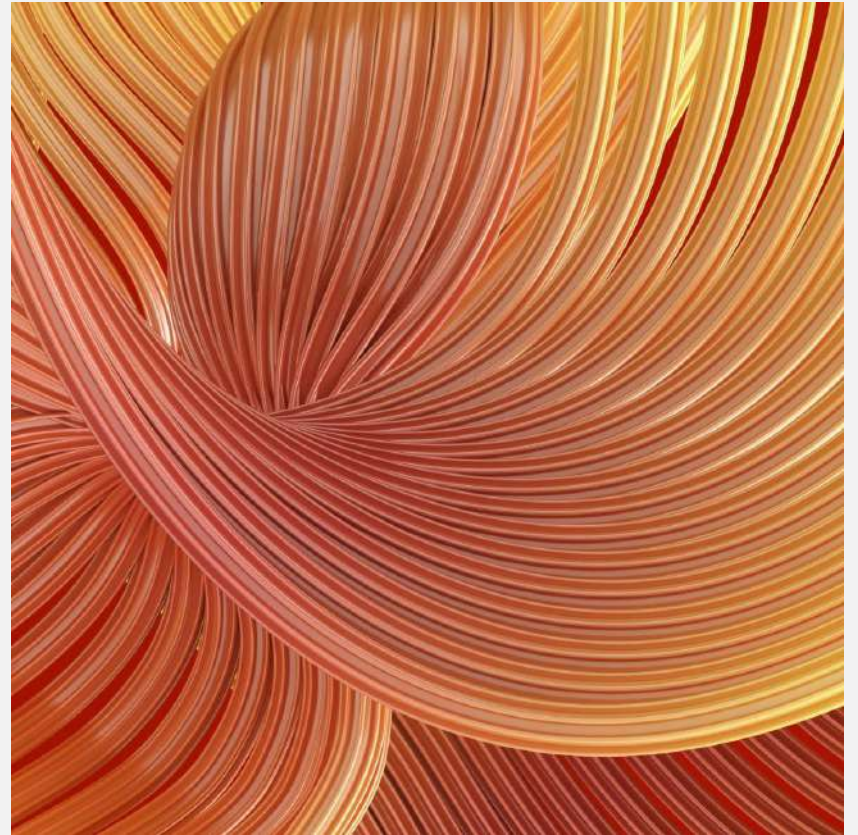
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Twelve Topics
for all
Christians to
learn.

Money: Finding Happiness in life comes from faith in Jesus.

God provides us all we have: **Provision**

It is more blessed to give than receive:
Generosity

Seeking happiness from the world is a downward spiral of unhappiness: **Greed**

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Twelve Topics

Money: Finding personal well-being in life.

Money comes to us, so we have enough to share with others: **Transactions**

Use money to invest in the lives of people: **Use**

Never withhold wages from those to whom it is due: **Wages**

Taxes are a fact of life, pay them: **Taxes**

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Money: Finding true spiritual meaning in life.

Only give to church what you want to give, God loves a cheerful giver: **Offerings**

The more you are disciplined with money, the better your spiritual benefit:
Spirituality

Generosity has a great payback: **Rewards**

True treasure is what you store up in heaven by being generously good:
Treasure

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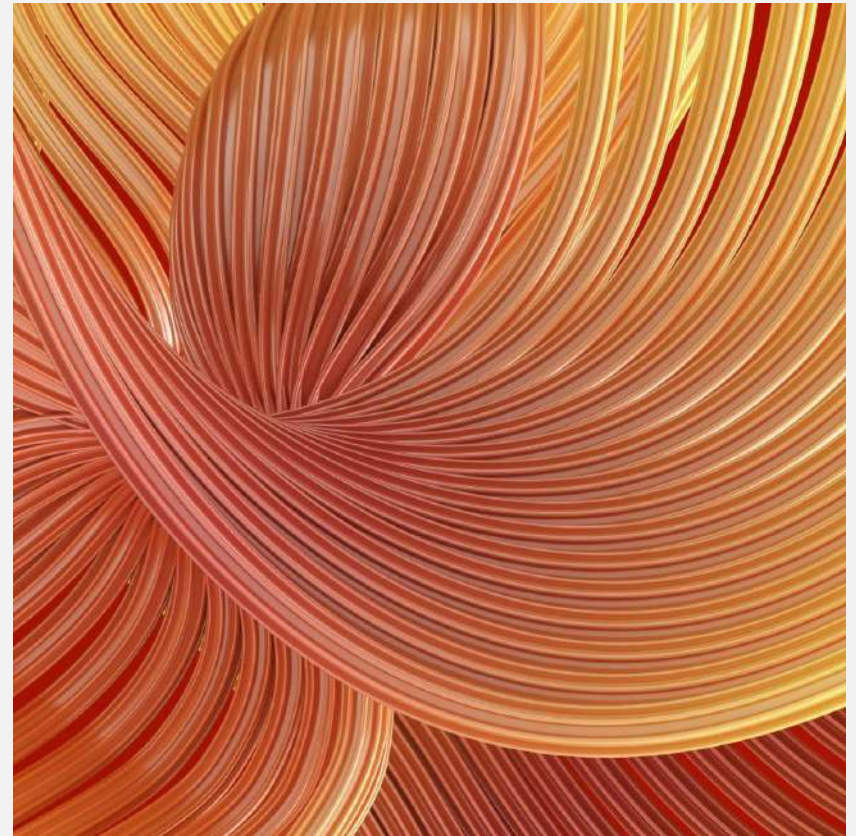
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Preaching /
Teaching all aspects

People need to know all aspects of the
Biblical perspective related to Money:

That includes “tithing” or giving to Church

But also, **Greed** and how to avoid it

And the value of **generosity**

And how to **treat others fairly**

And **where what we have comes from**

And **the connection** between Money and
the spiritual life

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Preaching /
Teaching - thoughts

What is the Story? Henrietta Meers

What does it teach us to do?

How have I seen it to be true?

If I haven't lived it, I can't teach.

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Preaching /
Teaching
IT, HER, or HIM?

Do I preach IT? How to live the Christian Life.

Do I preach HER? All about the Church.

Or, do I preach HIM? Describe how Jesus lived out what He taught about.

i.e., teach them to observe all that I commanded you to do?

What does it teach us to do? How can I apply this to my life and make a difference for the Kingdom of God?

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Preaching /
Teaching
The Goal.

The Goal of stewardship preaching / teaching about Money is not to get people to give more.

But to teach the Biblical principles of Money and show people how Jesus lived that way

And again, if I have not practiced it and seen how it works, it is more difficult to teach others to live accordingly.

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Preaching /
Teaching
The Many Methods.

Sermons whenever the opportunity arises
Classes whenever education is offered
Moment for the offering during the worship
Slides before the service, announcements
Study **Retreats**, Special classes
Media posts, Facebook, etc.
Conversations,
Newsletter articles,
Email blast,
Bulletins,
Quarterly letters with statements of
giving.
On the **Website**.

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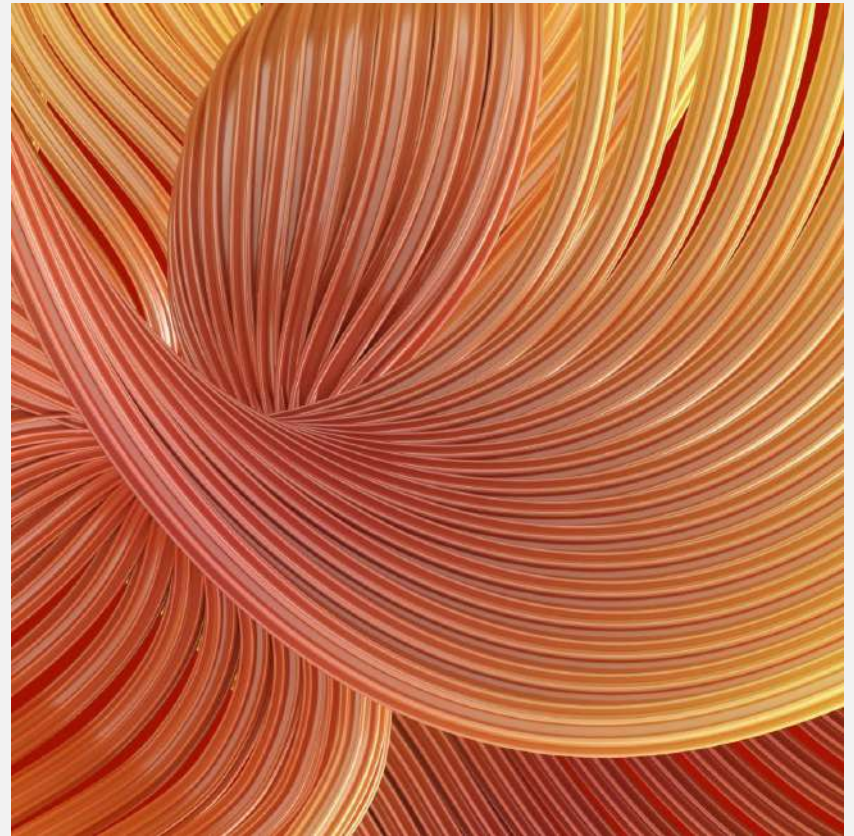
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Examples

Sermon

Newsletter

Email



PROVISION – Seven ways God provides what we need and far more.

Jehovah Jireh, my provider

1. **our daily bread.** *Matt. 6:11-12; Luke 11:3;*
2. **enough for our need.** *II Cor. 8:10-18;*
3. **enough to share with others around us.** *Acts 20:32-35; Eph. 4:28;*
4. **we have no lack.** *Luke 22:35-38;*
5. **He shares His abundance with us.** *Matt. 6:25-30; Luke 12:22-;31;*
6. **brings opportunities our way that will provide for us.** *Acts 20:32-35;*
7. **He gives us access to the whole of His kingdom.** *Luke 12:32-34;*

Topical Sermon or Lesson

PROVISION – *Why does God provide for us?*

Jehovah Jireh, my provider

- He wants us to be happy, [*1 Tim. 6:14-19;*](#)
- He wants us to know of His provision, so we don't have to worry or be anxious about tomorrow, [*Matt. 6:31-34; Luke 12:26-31;*](#)
- He is training us in wisdom and wise living, [*Matt. 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27;*](#)
- He desires for us to have enough to care for others in need. [*Acts 20:32-35;*](#)

Newsletter Article

GENEROSITY – Definition of Generosity

Jehovah Jireh, my provider

- We work not so much for our provision but so we might have something to share with the needy. [Eph. 4:28;](#)
- He wants us to become generous like Him. [2 Cor. 9:7-15;](#)
- So, we can share with the poor. [Matt. 6:1-4;](#)
- So, we can abound in good deeds. [2 Cor. 9:7-15;](#)

Offering Moment

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Luke 6:38;

The more you try to keep, the more it disappears.

The more you give away, the more you have to give.

[Gal 6:6-10;](#)

The more you try to get, the less you seem to have.

The more you become content, the richer you are.

[Luke 19:11-27; Matt. 25:14-30; Faithful in a littl](#)

The more you misuse what you have, the less you seem to have

**The more you faithfully use what you have been given, the more
God will give you more.**

Email blast

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[Luke 19:11-27](#); [Matt. 25:14-30](#); **Faithful in a little, you will be given much.**

Luke 19:11 Jesus, having a crowd listening to Him while He was teaching near Jerusalem, told a parable related to the appearance of the kingdom of God. 12 "A man of wealth and status was about to leave on a trip to a faraway country so that he might receive a kingdom and later return to this place. 13 He gathered ten of his servants together and handed them each some money. His instructions were for the servants to "do business with" the money until he returned from his trip. ... 15 However, when he did come home, after receiving his kingdom, he gathered his servants and asked them how they had fared with the money he had given them. 16 One came to him and announced that he had earned ten times as much as he had been given. 17 And he said to the servant, "You did a great job and because you have acted faithfully in these small things, I will give you authority over many things. I want you to enjoy your life in my estate." 18 The next servant came and announced he had earned 5 times as much as he started with. 19 And the master said, "I will give you authority over many things as well.

Teachings:

[Provision](#) **God has given talents to us that we might use wisely, faithfully, and not slothfully. (13)**

[Use](#) **If you want more, use what you have for God's work. (24)**

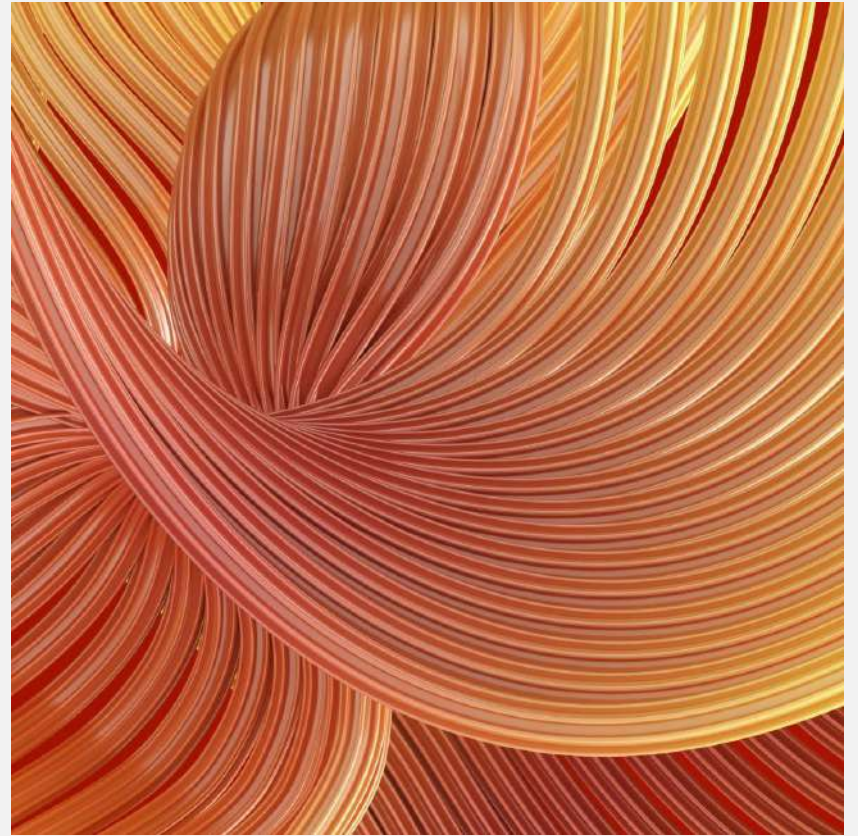
[Use](#) **Could you give a good account of the talents God has given you to care for? (16-21)**

[Use](#) **Use all that God has given us, money, talent, and time for the work of His kingdom. (13)**

Scriptural Sermon

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