

YOUR MIST MATTERS

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James 4:14 (*English Standard Version*)

What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

Life is a temporary opportunity to impact eternity.

(*Hebrews 9:27*)

Jesus intends for us to experience life to the fullest.

(*John 10:10*)

Matthew 25:14-30: The Parable of the Talents (*on back*)

You are entrusted with much. (*vs. 14-15*)

The three servants fell into two categories: faithful and unfaithful.

The proportion of gifts is different but the faithful are rewarded the same. (*vss. 16-23*)

Faithfulness requires work and risk. (*vs. 16-17*)

*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep
to gain that which he cannot lose."*

– Jim Elliot

Faithful servants become faithful rulers. (*vss. 21, 23*)

Being faithful in the small things today leads to a huge reward in the future.

Fear paralyzes towards unfaithfulness. (*vs. 25*)

Key Life Principles

Use it or lose it.

A life not lived fully for Christ is not fully lived.

You have one life. Make it count. (*Colossians. 3:17, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*)

(*More on back*)

Matthew 25:14-30 (*The Parable of the Talents*)

¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.

¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'

²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'

²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?

²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.

²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Small Group Questions



- 1) Is there someone you admire for the way they have made their life count? Who is it, and why?
- 2) What do you think are some of the most important things that God has entrusted to you?
- 3) Looking at the parable of the talents above, do you see actions or attitudes that separate the faithful from the unfaithful servants?
- 4) Why do you think that so many of us are prone to living safe, mediocre lives instead of choosing to risk and live radically for Jesus?
- 5) If Jesus were to come back today how would you feel about the life that you've lived? Do you sense God calling you to adjust your life to radically follow him?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?