



SERMON NOTES

REACHING YOUR POTENTIAL

Part Three - Use It! Don't Lose It!

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Matthew 25:14-18, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money."

1. RISK IS NOT AN OPTION

A risk-adverse life is contradiction of faith!

A man once said, "It is possible to evade a multitude of sorrows by the cultivation of an insignificant life."
By John Henry Jowett, The School of Calvary

"Living at risk is jumping off the cliff and building your wings on the way down." Ray Bradbury

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." Robert F. Kennedy

2. GOD DESERVES OUR BEST

Luke 12:48b (CEV), "...If God has been generous with you, he will expect you to serve him well. But if he has been more than generous, he will expect you to serve him even better."

The degree of blessing determines the depth of devotion!

Luke 12:48b (MSG), "Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities!"

3. AVOID EXCUSES

"He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else" Benjamin Franklin

The lazy man is full of excuses. "I can't go to work!" he says. "If I go outside, I might meet a lion in the street and be killed!" Proverbs 22:13 (TLB)