

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

The

## Team on The Field Matthew 25:14-46

Jesus taught us to pray to The Father,

**"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."**

After His temptation in the wilderness He began to declare,

**"The kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

Sending the disciples out He commanded them,

**"As you go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

**Earth** is our field of play, **heaven** is our playbook.

As we take the field, what are His two main instructions here?

1) It's not **how much** we increase His gift...

It's **whether we do**

2) The coin of the realm is **God's love among people**

We **invest in people's lives**

(Vs. 14 – 30)

**Vs. 14** – "His servants" – not strangers

"He entrusted **His money** to them" – It belongs to Him, not them.

**Vs. 15** – "In proportion to **their abilities**"

He doesn't give us more than we can handle

**We're not all the same.** He deals with us as individuals

**Vs. 16** – The servant with five bags "**began to invest**"

He **planned to increase** what was entrusted to him

"and **earned** five more."

As a result of **what he DID** with what he was given.

**Vs. 17** – "The servant with **two bags** of silver"

Not the same amount, but **equal responsibility**

"**went to work**" – He added **his effort** to the assets he was given

"and **earned** two more." – The increase wasn't **given** to him

**Vs. 18** – "But the servant who received the **one bag** of silver dug a hole in the ground and **hid the master's money.**"

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**Vs. 19** – “Their master returned and called them to **give an account of how they had used his money.**”

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**Vs. 20** – “The servant **entrusted with five bags** said, you gave me five bags and **I have earned five more.**”

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**Vs. 21** – The master praised him, “**Well done, my good and faithful servant.**”

You have **used your ability** to serve me well.

“Now I will give you many more responsibilities.”

**I now know** you will be responsible with whatever I entrust you with.

**“Let’s celebrate together!”**

They now enjoy shared happiness!

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**Vs. 22** – “The servant with two bags said, ‘**Master, you gave me two bags**’ – He acknowledges **he is under authority**

“Two bags to invest” – I know **you put it in my care to be used.**

“I have earned two more” – I have used it to **generate more like it**

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**Vs. 23** – “Well done good and faithful servant. **You have been faithful**”

You understood and conducted yourself **as I hoped you would.**

You, too are being given **more to do more with.**

“Let’s celebrate together.” I hoped we would **share our joy**

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**Vs. 24** – “The servant with one bag said, **I knew you were a harsh man**”

I don’t approve of you and **I am critical of you**

“Gathering crops you didn’t cultivate”

I don’t think you’re honest and **I don’t trust you.**

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**Vs. 25** – “Here is your money back.”

I did nothing in your behalf and **you’ll receive nothing from me.**

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**Vs. 26** – “The master replied, you **wicked and lazy servant!**”

**Exalting our mind** above God’s is wickedness

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**Vs. 27** – “Why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank?”

You showed complete **disregard for my generosity.**

“I could have gotten some interest on it.”

You counted **my investment in you** as worthless.

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**Vs. 28** – “Take the money from this servant.”

God doesn’t reward **unthankful hoarders**

“Give it to the one with ten bags”

I want my generosity to be **replicated by those who join me** in my purposes.

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**Vs. 29** – “To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given.”

Using God’s assets like He does increases the blessings for everyone.

“They will have an abundance.”

Those who **use My assets like I do** will always have plenty to do it with.

*“Those who do nothing, with little they have will be taken.”*

*God doesn't squander the resources to help people.*

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***Vs. 30*** – *“Throw this useless servant into **outer darkness.**”*

***What is contrary to Him*** has no place in Him.

*They refuse to join Him in generous love, and will be given **what they have chosen.***

*“Where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*

*Weeping in **the knowledge of what they were offered and rejected***

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**NEXT WEEK:** *“The Coin of The Realm”*