

## **Taking Responsibility 3- Purpose and Potency**

### **Matthew 25:14-30**

#### **The CAUSE and EFFECT of Responsibility & Irresponsibility**

- Responsibility preserves and restores communion and God's created order.
- Irresponsibility causes us to *blame* others, creates conflict, builds shame and guilt, and makes us *unhappy*.
- Irresponsibility causes others to have to be responsible for the irresponsible.

#### **PRAYER and ACTION**

- Prayer is one of our greatest responsibilities as people of faith.
- Prayer can be a hindrance to taking responsibility to ACT.
- Prayer connects us to the great CAUSE, and prepares us to ACT on GOD's behalf.

#### **PURPOSE**

*"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money." -Matthew 25:14-18*

The point is not how much we've been given.

The point is what we do with what we've been given.

Our *purpose* and *responsibility* is to bless others with our blessings.

#### **POTENCY**

*"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." -Matthew 5:13-16*

At some point, we have to move from having p\_\_\_\_\_ to being potent.

Cause an effect. Be potent salt and light in your home, church, work, school, and world.

At the center of a potent life is a heart that is willing to serve.