Silverdale Baptist Church
The Parables of Jesus #6
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How To Maximize Your Life

1. The Principle Of <u>Ownership</u>

*For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and **entrusted his possessions** to them.* (Matthew 25:14, NASB)

Rate yourself 1 2 3 4 5
It's Mine It's Ours It's God's

2. The Principle Of <u>Allocation</u>

*To one he gave five **talents**, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.* (Matthew 25:15, NASB)

A Talent Is ... Anything That God Has <u>Entrusted</u> To Me

*We have **different gifts**, according to the grace given us.* (Rom. 12:6, NASB)

Rate yourself 1 2 3 4 5
I'm not gifted I have a few gifts I have important gifts

3. The Principle Of <u>Initiative</u>

*[16] **Immediately** the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents ... [18] But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and **hid** his master's money.* (Matthew 25:16, 18, NASB)

What is our typical excuse: *"I was **afraid**..." (*Matthew 25:25, NASB)

- **Self <u>doubt</u>**
- **Self <u>pity</u>**
- **Self <u>consciousness</u>**

Rate yourself 1 2 3 4 5
I'm afraid to act I act when Asked I will step out boldly

4. The Principle Of <u>Reward</u>

*[21] His master said to him, "**Well done**, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will **put you in charge** of many things; enter into **the joy of your master**."* (Matthew 25:21 & 23, NASB)

Rate yourself 1 2 3 4 5
Never Think of Eternity Often motivated by eternity

The Take-Away: Just Do <u>Something</u>: Start <u>Today</u>!