



'A' is for Attitude
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Matthew 25:14-30

Money and what it represents is a major part of our lives. Few areas of our lives create more anxiety and stress than the financial area. Jesus speaks about money and possessions with an intent to help us sort out our priorities and core allegiances.

3 Common Misbeliefs about Money:

1. All the Church is Interested in is my Money
2. More Will Make Me Happy Ecclesiastes 5:10
3. It's Really Mine So Let Me Decide

Jesus Calls us to a New Attitude:

Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. Matthew 25:14 (NLT)

Truths:

1. We Are Not the Owners, But Managers
He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. Matthew 25:15 (NLT)

What do you have that you did not receive? 1 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need. Acts 4:32-35 (NLT)

2. The Owner's Goals are Not Our Goals

The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money. Matthew 25:16-18 (NLT)

After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. Matthew 25:19 (NLT)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)

3. God Blesses What we Commit to Him

Luke 6:38

Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give! Proverbs 21:26 (NLT)

- Every person will give an account to God

But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.' "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this

useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 25:26-30 (NLT)

Conclusion: