

PREPARING FOR GROWTH

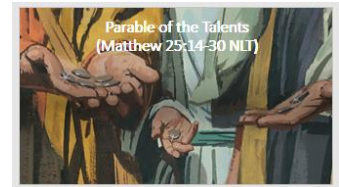
Matthew 25:14-30 (New Living Translation)



Parable of the Three Servants

¹⁴ “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. ¹⁵ He gave five bags of silver^[a] 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. ¹⁶ “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. ¹⁷ The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

¹⁹ “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. ²⁰ The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’



²¹ “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!^[b]’

²² “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

²³ “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

²⁴ “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate.

²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'

²⁶ "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, ²⁷ why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

²⁸ "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Principle 1

- Use what is in your hand
- You are only responsible for what you have.
- If you invest you will reap

Principle 2

Hosea 10.12 *I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'*

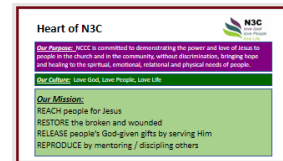


- Good seeds of righteousness
 - In our own lives
 - In our community: Make the church famous for good things.
 - To do so requires ploughing/loosening the soil so good seed can germinate.

Examples: Pantry, Free Community BBQ, Craft groups & more to come.

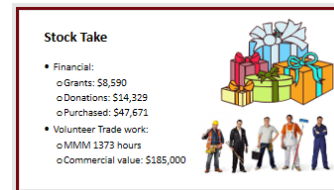
Heart of N3C

- **Our Purpose:** NCCC is committed to demonstrating the power and love of Jesus to people in the church and in the community, without discrimination, bringing hope and healing to the spiritual, emotional, relational and physical needs of people.
- **Our Culture:** Love God, Love People, Love Life
- **Our Mission:**
 - REACH people for Jesus
 - RESTORE the broken and wounded
 - RELEASE people's God-given gifts by serving Him
 - REPRODUCE by mentoring / discipling others.



Stock Take:

1. **Financial:**
 - Grants: \$8,590
 - Donations: \$14,329
 - Purchased: \$47,671
2. **Volunteer Trade work:**
 - MMM 1373 hours
 - Commercial value: \$185,000



The Future:

- Land next door – leased at NO CHARGE
 - We are to maintain it.
- List of Future Projects: (handout)
- Grand Opening – 26/27 November (TBC)