

# “Giving Hope....Surrendering for the Glory of God”

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## Managing God's Stuff

Matthew 25:14-18, “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.”

As the story goes on, both guys who increased their owner's money end up getting praised, getting additional responsibilities and getting to party with the boss and his family. But the guy who takes what he gets and buries it gets FIRED and big-time in trouble.

## 6 Principles of Being a Manager for God

1. God owns everything.
2. God Gives Stuff unequally.
3. God Holds Me accountable for what He allows me to manage.
4. God has a “no excuse” policy.
5. Joy comes with faithful surrender.
6. God is glorified in the world when we live surrendered lives.

## Surrender to God for His Glory

John 17:1-5, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify You. For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. **I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave me to do.** And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began.”

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...Giving Hope for the Glory of God

*Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death. Set God-sized goals. Pursue God-ordained passions. Go after a dream that is destined to fail without divine intervention. Keep asking questions. Keep making mistakes. Keep seeking God. Stop pointing out problems and become part of the solution. Stop repeating the past and start creating the future. Stop playing it safe and start taking risks. Expand your horizons. Accumulate experiences. Enjoy the journey. Find every excuse you can to celebrate everything you can. Live like today is the first day and last day of your life. Don't let what's wrong with you keep you from worshipping what's right with God. Burn sinful bridges. Blaze a new trail. Criticize by creating. Worry less about what people think and more about what God thinks. Don't try to be who you're not. Be yourself. Laugh at yourself. Quit holding out. Quit holding back. Quit running away. Chase the lion.*

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