

## LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...” (James 1:17)*

**This means...**

God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of every good and perfect thing in your life.

We are to \_\_\_\_\_ our gifts to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

***“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’***

***The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’***

***Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’***

***His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant!...Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”***

*(Matthew 25:19-26a, 28-30)*

### A. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:

- 1) We are given \_\_\_\_\_ of gifts and abilities.
- 2) We will be \_\_\_\_\_ for how we use \_\_\_\_\_ gifts and abilities.
- 3) The servant that “\_\_\_\_\_” was punished.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

## B. HOW TO LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS:

1) Invest your \_\_\_\_\_.

a. \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Invest your \_\_\_\_\_.

a. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ in your work.

***“The Church’s approach to an intelligent carpenter is usually confined to exhorting him not to be drunk and disorderly in his leisure hours, and to come to church on Sundays. What the Church should be telling him is this: that the very first demand that his religion makes upon him is that he should make good tables.” (Dorothy Sayers, Why Work?)***

3) Invest your \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_.

### ***Today’s “Big Idea”...***

\_\_\_\_\_ living is \_\_\_\_\_ living.

## **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Congratulations** to Daniel & Lina Shin on the birth of their son, Jeremiah Minhoo, last month.

**Sympathy** is extended to the family & friends of Malgorzata Zebrowska who passed away last month.

### **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What gifts do you have?
2. What is the hardest gift to let go of and why?
3. In Pastor Lewis’ sermon, he quoted from Dorothy Sayers book: Why Work?, about “making good tables”. What does “making good tables” look like in your context?
4. What do you need to invest in more: (a) Time, (b) Talent, or (c) Treasure ?

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