## Getting Fiscally Fit The Foundation of Fiscal Fitness Matthew 25:14-30

## **Seven Foundational Principles for Fiscal Fitness**

1		: Everything I have belongs to
	(14-15)	
Everythi	ng I have is a gif	t from God
2. reso	urces (16-19)	: God has loaned me
Money is	s a to	be used - "put his money to work"
this cravit	ng that some have	root of all kinds of evils. It is through wandered away from the faith and my pangs." (1 Timothy 6:10)
	money an	d people
You get t God give		what you do with what
3. I do	: with what God	I will give an account for what l has entrusted to me (19-26)
God has	made an	in me
God will	conduct an	
"So then e	each of us will giv	e an account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12)

4.	: I must wisely use God's
	resources
Go	od did not put you on this earth to
	ne greatest use of my life is to invest it in something that
5.	El must move against my fears (25)
	ne challenge is that many of the principles and precepts of od's Word and God's way are
	For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and lf-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)
I r	nust move against my fears if I am going to experience in any area of my life
6.	: If I don't use it, I lose it (28-29)
Go	od has the right to take away anything I don't invest for
for hir	nd I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to n, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things u have prepared, whose will they be?" (Luke 12:19–20)
7•	: God will reward me for good resource management (21-23, 30)
Tł	ree-fold reward:
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## **Money Is:**

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"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

(Luke 16:10–13)

## **Questions for Reflection:**

- What does my current management of God-given resources tell me about my relationship with God?
- What does God desire to do in my life through the tool of financial resources right now?
- What adjustments or changes is God calling me to make as I manage His resources for His purposes?