



THE WISDOM OF FAITHFUL LIVING

January 10 & 11, 2026

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Each servant of God doesn't receive the same amount, but the same _____.

Matthew 25:23 (TPT, paraphrased)

His master said to him, “You have done well, and proven yourself to be my loyal and trustworthy servant. Because you have been a faithful steward to manage a small sum, now I will put you in charge of much, much more. You will experience the delight of your master, who will say to you, ‘Come celebrate with me!’”

Matthew 25:24b-25a (NLT)

“Master, I knew you were a harsh man... I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth.”

Key Reminders:

- **God honors _____, not fearlessness.**
- **God blesses _____, not worry.**
- **God multiplies what you _____ Him with, not what you withhold.**

Faithful Living Is...

 **1 Wholeheartedly _____ God's guidance.**

1 Corinthians 14:33 (NLT)

For God is not a God of disorder but of peace...

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If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

3 Benefits to Embracing God's Guidance:

- _____ where I've been confused.
- _____ where I've been anxious.
- _____ where I've been uncertain.

 **2 Intentionally _____ my finances God's way.**

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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.

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Galatians 5:25 (TPT)

If the Spirit is the source of our life, we must also allow the Spirit to direct every aspect of our lives.

God's Way:

- It's not magic, it's _____.
- It's not "Pray, and money falls from heaven." It's "Pray, and follow God's _____."

The _____ servant stalled, froze, hid, and buried.

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Here's the Simple Way to PRAISE God with His Money:

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Actively _____ God's financial principles.

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Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Not "overflowing" in a greedy way – but overflowing with peace, stability, clarity, and God meeting our needs.

Philippians 4:11-13, 19 (TPT / NKJV)

I'm not telling you this because I'm in need, for I have learned to be satisfied in any circumstance. I know what it means to lack, and I know what it means to experience overwhelming abundance. For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength... I am convinced that my God will fully satisfy every need you have, for I have seen the abundant riches of glory revealed to me through Jesus Christ!

How This All Works:

- God into my finances today.
Pray on decisions. Ask for wisdom. Slow down and listen.
- one area to bring order to today.
A budget, savings plan, paying down debt, canceling subscriptions, creating margin.
- God first.
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