

# OCTOBER 15TH WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

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"These too are not to be buried underneath a bushel, but rather employed for service of the master and the kingdom, for the benefit of all. This story is about vocation for more than it is about investment."

-Robert McClellan



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"So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground.  
See, here is what belongs to you."

**Matthew 25:25**

# FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

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Contrary to our instinctive reaction, the employer was very generous. He trusted his workers with a substantial sum, not telling them how to invest it or offering any significant restrictions on them. They were left on their own, with marvelous freedom and a generous resource. Like the employer, God asks only one thing for giving us the gold of life: Use, in the best way you can, what the King has entrusted you.

1. Share why you agree or disagree with the following statement: "God gives all people the same opportunity."

2. Do you think the slave who invested one talent was timid? Why or why not?

3. A critical question for Jesus' followers as it is now: What does it mean to live into the gifts God has provided?

## PRACTICE

## SHARING GIFTS

Ask a spouse, child, friend, or parent what he or she sees as gifts that God has given you. Thank God for these gifts and think about ways to use these gifts on a daily basis.