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"I was afraid so I went out and hid your talent [money] in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." (Matthew 25:25)

When we give money, it can and should be WORSHIP

"I am not giving this ... I am returning it ... this belongs to you"

The <u>conditions</u> which make money <u>possible</u> are orchestrated by God.

There should never be a reluctant or grudging attitude attached to any money which I choose to give to the Lord's work.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (Il Corinthians 9:7)

TO THE MASTER, what they did with the money revealed their heart ... qualifying or disqualifying them for greater responsibility/reward.

The good servants were praised because they <u>invested</u>.

It is <u>impossible</u> to invest without <u>giving something</u>.

FEAR.

This servant feared failure. We fear lack/poverty.

This fear is an insult to God who expects us to trust him.

Giving away money necessitates discipline toward the **smaller amount left**. Having discipline with money will radiate outward into other areas of our life.



- Some returns to benefit <u>me</u>
- Some is used for the ministry of that temple
- Some goes out to meet
 <u>needs</u> of the poor, transient,
 disadvantaged, etc.

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