

FROM POTENTIAL TO REALITY

²¹ His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

MATTHEW 25:21 KJV

I DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING PRODUCTIVE WHEN:

1. I RECOGNIZE THAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED ME WITH ABILITIES AND RESOURCES

¹⁴ For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. ¹⁵ And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

MATTHEW 25:14-15 KJV

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 PETER 4:10 ESV

I DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING PRODUCTIVE WHEN:

2. I TAKE ACTION AND MULTIPLY THOSE RESOURCES

¹⁶ Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

¹⁷ And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. ¹⁸ But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

MATTHEW 25:16-18 KJV

⁹ How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? ¹⁰ Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: ¹¹ So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

PROVERBS 6:9-11 KJV

That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

COLOSSIANS 1:29 NLT

I DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING PRODUCTIVE WHEN:

3. I AM PREPARED TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT FOR WHAT I MANAGE

¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. ²⁰ And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. ²¹ His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

MATTHEW 25:19-21 KJVZ

A lazy person's way is blocked with briers, but the path of the upright is an open highway.

PROVERBS 15:19 NLT

I DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING PRODUCTIVE WHEN:

4. I WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

²⁴ Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. ²⁶ His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: ²⁷ Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. ²⁸ Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. ²⁹ For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

MATTHEW 25:24-29 KJV

¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

JOHN 15:15 KJV

¹⁰ Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand.

ZECHARIAH 4:10 NLT