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Introduction



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1. The Drama



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Matthew 24:3

As He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"



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1. The Drama

We are to keep two things in balance:

watching and working



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A. The Responsibility (v. 14-15)

Matthew 24:3

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.”



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A. The Responsibility (v. 14-15)

The word “talent” was actually a measurement of weight usually considered around 75 lbs.



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One talent of silver would be worth approximately

\$24,000 in today's estimation



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\$16.2M PA Lottery Winner: William "Bud" Post from Erie, PA



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Nearly 70% of lottery winners burn through their winnings in under 7 years!



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B. The Result (v. 16-18)

Matthew 25:16-18

“He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.”



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B. The Result (v. 16-18)

The text says that the first servant went at once and invested his Master's money



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The second servant was both faithful
and fruitful as well



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C. The Return (v. 19)

Matthew 25:19

“Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.”



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D. Report (v. 20 & 22)

Matthew 25:20 & 22

20 “And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more...’

22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’



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D. The Report (v. 20 & 22)

The first two servants were faithful



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E. The Reward (v. 21 & 23)

Matthew 25:21 & 23

21 & 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

The Master rewarded both of these servants with great responsibility in eternity



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F. The Regret (v. 24-30)

Matthew 25:24-25

He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'



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F. The Regret (v. 24-30)

We greatly overestimate what we would do given a greater opportunity, and we greatly underestimate what we could do with the opportunity we already have



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F. The Regret (v. 24-30)

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But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



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F. The Regret (v. 24-30)

“Judas heard all the Christ’s sermons”

Thomas Goodwin



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II. The Deposits



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A. Your Time



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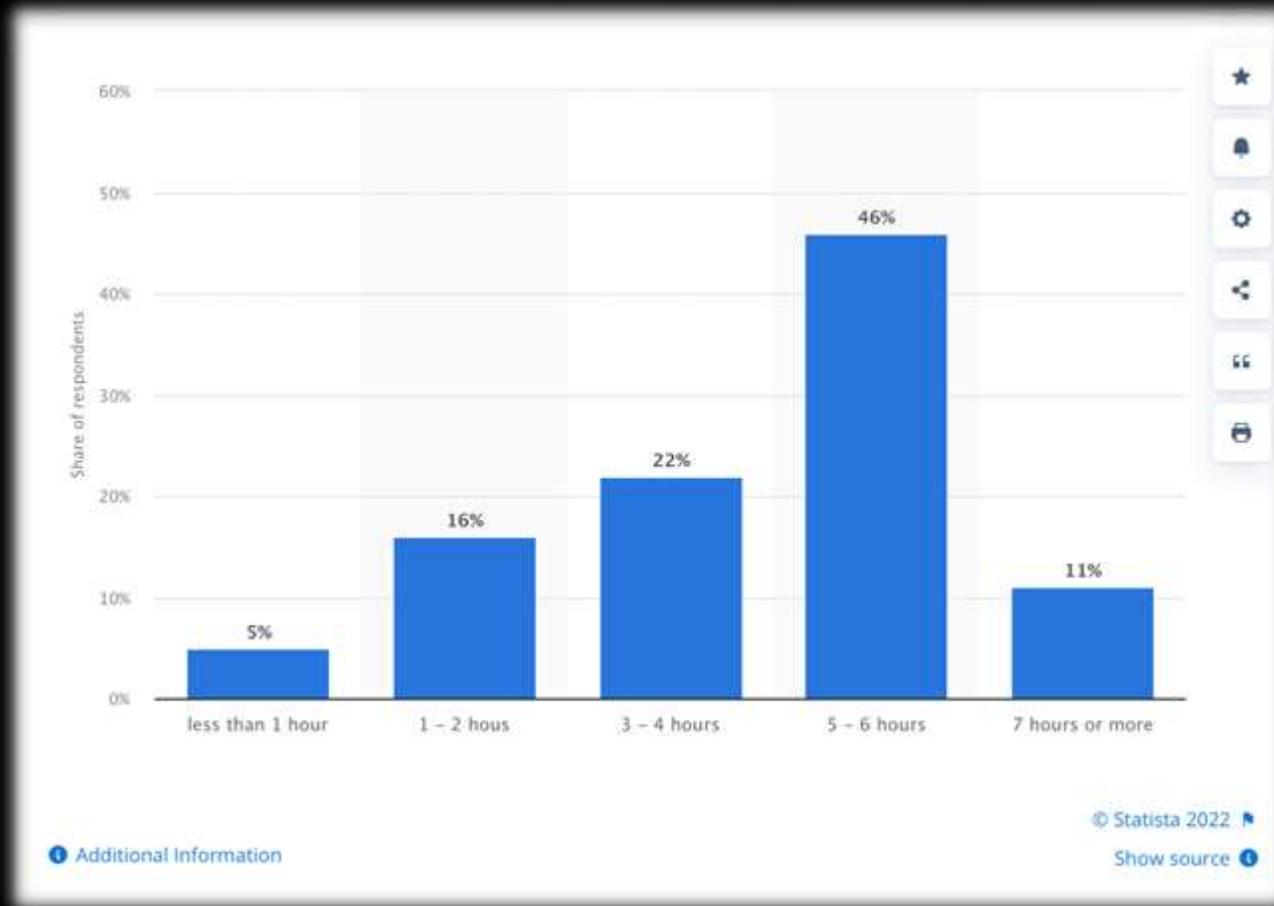
A. Your Time

According to Forbes, the average American spends over 1,300 hours per year on social media for an average of around 3.5 hours per day



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Time Americans spend on their phone per day





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II. The Deposits

B. Your Talents



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What did God create you to do for His glory?



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C. Your Treasure



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A great place to start is giving 10%
of your income back to the Lord



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Give to missionaries or special projects



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What would sacrificial giving look like for you?



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III. The Decision



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How are you going to feel on the day you are called to settle accounts with the King of Kings?



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II Timothy 4:6-8

“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”



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III. The Decision

The local church is supposed to be a place where people hear the preaching of God's Word and are equipped to use their talents and giftings for

The glory of God!

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