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"I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be (Instant) ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" 2 Timothy 4:1-2, NKJV.

Closer Relationships Judges 18:27	Selfless Investment 2 Cor 8:10
Bolder Engagement Acts 14:3	Greater Participation Philip 2:1

SELFLESS INVESTMENTS



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1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, **prepare your minds for action**, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

SELFLESS INVESTMENT –

Rom 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honour;

2 Cor 8:2-3 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

THE GOAL IS EQUALITY



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2 Cor 8:8-14 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 10 And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, **according to your means**. 12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. 13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. 14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will **supply what you need**.

- How we handle material things is A TEST of **SINCERITY**
- God will not judge us on **what we have LEFT**, but on how we used it

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ABC's TO SELFLESS INVESTMENT

- A) How we handle material goods
- B) Interest accrues on investment
- C) Farmers Invest
- D) The seed carries the harvest
- E) Relationships are also seed
- F) Many give God their leftovers
- G) Harvest isn't determined at the end
- H) Investment when it doesn't suit
- I) God doesn't judge on what we have left

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Matthew 25:14-30 ESV ¹⁴“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents,¹⁶ to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And 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.' ²¹His 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.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³His 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.' ²⁴He 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, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. **Here, you have what is yours.**' ²⁶But 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? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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The key lesson in **Matthew 25:14-30**

- is not how **much you make**, but whether you have:
 1. **INVESTED IT GODS WAY**, or
 2. **WHETHER YOU HOARD IT.**
- The fundamental principle of kingdom life is the **PRINCIPLE of INVESTMENT** – Using what you have for the common benefit:

Matthew 10:7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8 [Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons.](#) **Freely you have received; freely give** 9 Do not carry any gold or silver or copper in your belts.10 Take no bag for the road, or second tunic, or sandals, or staff; for the worker is worthy of his provisions.



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