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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Help me to grow as You create Your masterpiece in me. Help me to discern Your voice telling me which way to go and to walk in it. Teach me to see my life the way that You see it and Father fill me with Your confidence. Amen.

Karen O'Reilly - You Are God's Masterpiece | Ephesians 2:10.

OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

What's a famous saying that you like to live by?



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WORD

1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. 2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep."

[Psalm 127:1-2](#)

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

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

1. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO IMITATE OUR MASTER.

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.' Matthew 25:23

I mean there are no instructions that have come from the Master.

Here are a few questions you can gather from this story to ponder....

- Do you know the Masters expectations?
- Do you imitate the Master? Our who do you imitate?

1 'Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.' Ephesians 5:1-2

2 If you say you abide in Christ, you must walk as he walked. 1 John 2:6

2. WE ARE EXPECTED TO MULTIPLY.

We glorify God by investing what we have for the good of the world as defined by God. — "Why because God so loved the world"

How does you Dorothy Sayers a great example of how... "The church's approach to a carpenter is confined to exhorting him to not be drunk and disorderly and to come to church on Sundays. But the church should be telling him is this... The very first demand that his religion makes upon him is to make good tables. The way in which he goes about his work is making the world a better place."

We should value making a good table.

If God's purpose for your job is to serve the community and love your neighbor, then do your job the best it could be done.

Tim Keller said, "The idea of work is bringing order out of chaos". A musician makes sound and bring order. A Gardner takes the chaos of dirt and seed and water and brings order, what does a hairdressers takes the chaos of your hair and brings order to your knappy head.

We are multiplying good products, good deeds, and good relationships.

3. SOMEBODY GET A SHOVEL.

Somebody get a shovel! This is not good. Nobody deserves to be thrown into this.... And if somebody does it should be me.. sadly none of us can escape this.

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.' 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? 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.' Matthew 25:24-30

We must learn to breathe in and out -We must do it in our sleep, each breath.

BREATH In - reading the word, being fed by teachers in connect group, coming to church, breaking bread with fellow believers

BREATH Out - serve, give back, love people well, make good tables, sharing with people how Jesus changed your life and your families life

Lastly, this there will come a day when you held accountable for what you have been given. Will you be ready? If not, lets grab a shovel and dig up that up.

[Josh McCasland - Parable of the Talents](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

((NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE))

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 being never and 10 being always), how would you rate your care for other people's belongings? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. Consider what you spend most of your week doing - do you see God building in and through you in this work? Why/Why Not?
3. After reading the parable of the Talents in Matthew 25, what do you consider the difference between the "good and faithful" servants and the "wicked and slothful" servant?
4. In the good that God has given you, do you see it multiplying either now or eventually? Why/Why not?
5. Do you want to trust Jesus as the Creator and sole source of fulfilment of your life by accepting His call for you to enter into relationship with Him? Please take this moment to pray with your group. Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your lifegroup leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am Yours, and You are mine, In Jesus name, AMEN.