A Framework for Faithful Living The Stewardship of Life Pt 2 Bud Wrenn 6/3/07 Integrity

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)it is impossible to please God without faith....

Stewardship - The productive management of something entrusted to me.

Three things can be done with resources:

<u>Waste</u> - Hasty decisions resulting in little or no positive results.

<u>Spend</u> – Consumption for current benefit; Largely a maintenance orientation

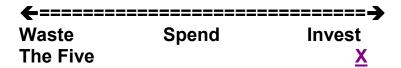
<u>Invest</u> – Preservation and growth for future benefit; Usually focused on lasting impact.

Profiles of Three Managers

Five: The <u>resourceful</u> manager

Matthew 25:16 The servant who received the five bags of gold began immediately to invest the money and soon doubled it.

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Matthew 25:20-21 'Sir, you gave me five bags of gold to invest, and I have doubled the amount.' 'Well done, now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

Defining Aspect: A <u>bold, risk-taking</u> faith.

Two: The competent manager

Matthew 25:17 The servant with two bags of gold also went right to work and doubled the money.

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Matthew 25:22-23 ... 'Sir, you gave me two bags of gold to invest, and I have doubled the amount.'... 'Well done, now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

Defining Aspect: A steady, growing faith.

One: The "play it safe" manager

Matthew 25:18 But the servant who received the one bag of gold dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money for safekeeping.

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Matthew 25:25-29 I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth and here it is.' ... 'You wicked and lazy servant! ... you should at least have put my money into the bank so I could have some interest. Take the money from this servant and give it to the one with the ten bags of gold.

Defining Aspect: A faithless fear of the future.

Matthew 25:29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who are unfaithful, even what little they have will be taken away.