

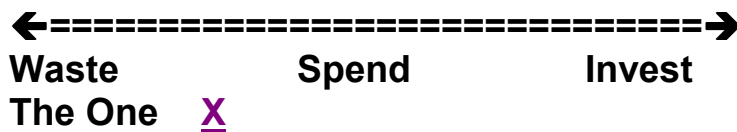
*Matthew 25:22-23 ... 'Sir, you gave me two bags of gold to invest, and I have doubled the amount.' ... 'Well done, .... now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'*

**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.*

**The Stewardship Scale**



*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.*