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Don't Just Manage ... Produce Wealth

Appeal: Deuteronomy 8:18

“But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.”

We worship God with our resources because He gives us the power to produce wealth. The parable of Talents tells the story of three servants who received a share of their Master's property and their reports about how they used them to produce more wealth. The three servants had this in common: They faithfully returned to the Master what belonged to Him. However the first two did something in addition. They produced wealth with what they have received, and they were rewarded for that practice. As God promises the “ability to produce wealth” to all His servants, it is unfortunate that the third servant fails in this area and was deprived of His master's reward.

As believers, we are responsible for what we have received and for what we can produce. Ellen G. White writes these words: “In making a profession of faith in Christ we pledge ourselves to become all that it is possible for us to be as workers for the Master, and we should cultivate every faculty to the highest degree of perfection, that we may do the greatest amount of good of which we are capable.—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 330. Growth in all areas of life and participation in the production of resources is a divine assignment. This responsibility often needs courage, strength, perseverance, and self-discipline. It is a daily uphill journey. However, no one has to be discouraged or to quit. God made a permanent promise: the ability to produce wealth.

The principle of doing “the greatest amount of good” is an invitation to reassess our giving. Today, through our faithful giving, we are a source of blessing. This week as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings let us reflect and pray on how to become a greater blessing by growing our resources to their real potential.

Prayer: Lord, we praise You for entrusting us with Your resources. In partnership with You, we commit to grow our resources and become larger channels of Your blessings to humanity.