

Hindsight in 2020 – Message Notes
Part 5 – “Response Ability”
August 23, 2020

Matthew 24:42

“Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”

Matthew 25:14

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

Matthew 25:15

To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

Matthew 25:16-18

The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Matthew 25:19

"After a long time, the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:20-21

The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Matthew 25:22-23

"The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Matthew 25:24-25

Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

"He that is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else."

- Benjamin Franklin

Matthew 25:26-28

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. "'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.

Matthew 25:29

For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance.

Matthew 25:29-30

Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Questions:

1. Where do you have a tendency to blame others?
2. What opportunities do you have today to use your gifting?

Group Questions:

1. Do you think a culture of blame has been on the rise? Why or why not?
2. Why is it easy for any of us to fall into the temptation to blame?
3. Why won't blame lead you to anything good?
4. Review the parable from Matthew 25:24-30. What resonates with you? Does anything concern you?

5. Jason shared three things to help you take responsibility. Which of the three was most helpful for you?

1. **Know your mission.**
2. **Know your gifting.**
3. **See your opportunities.**