

The Kingdom Principle of Management

Matthew 25:14-15 NLT

14 "Again, **the Kingdom of Heaven** can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.
 15 He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

Kingdom Management

- ✓ **Management is the effective use of another person's resources.**

Luke 16:12 NLT

And **if you are not faithful with other people's things**, why should you be trusted with things of your own?

- ✓ **Management is diligence with resources.**

Proverbs 13:4 NLT

Lazy people want much but get little, but **those who work hard will prosper.**

- ✓ **Management is when resources are returned with more value.**

Matthew 25:16-17 NLT

16 "The servant who received the five bags of silver **began to invest the money and earned five more.** 17 The servant with two bags of silver also **went to work and earned two more.**

Mismanagement of Kingdom Resources...

- ✓ **Greed: mismanagement of resources for personal benefit.**

Mark 7:21-23 NLT

21 **For from within, out of a person's heart**, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, **greed**, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. 23 All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

- ✓ **Manage your heart against greed.**

Luke 12:15 NIV

Then he said to them, "Watch out! **Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;** a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

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Kingdom Managers

1. **Acknowledge God owns it all.**

Psalm 24:1 NASB

The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

2. **Take inventory, organize, and eliminate waste.**

Mark 6:39-43 NLT

39 Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass.

40 So **they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred.**

41 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them.

Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.

42 They all ate as much as they wanted, 43 and afterward,

the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.

- ✓ **Inventory of Resources: Fish & Loaves**
- ✓ **Appreciation of Resources: Thank God**
- ✓ **Direct the Resources: Give**
- ✓ **Distribution of Resources: Serve**
- ✓ **Frugal with Resources: Save**

3. **Be faithful in managing the little things.**

Matthew 25:21 NLT

"The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.

You have been faithful in handling this small amount,

so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!"

4. **Work hard to use your resources to benefit others.**

Luke 16:9 NLT

Here's the lesson: **Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends.**
 Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

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