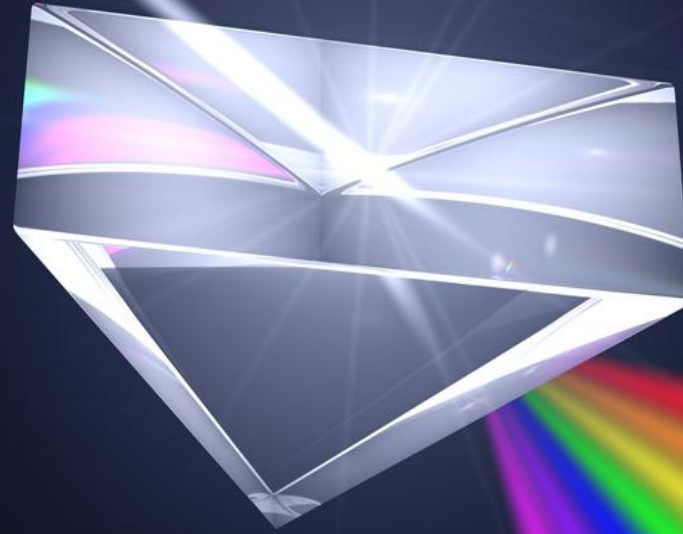
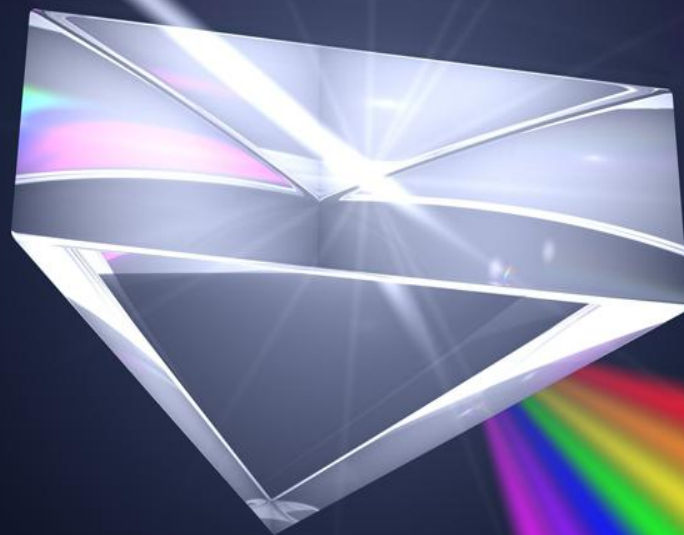


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An earthly story with  
a spiritual truth



**This is God's Word for my life in  
this Place and at this Time. Today I  
am a new creation in Christ, I am  
God's very own, and I KNOW He  
has a purpose for my life.**

# PARABLE OF THE TALENTS



“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.





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



“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. 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!’





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



“Then the man who had received one bag of gold 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 gold in the ground.

See, here is what belongs to you.’



“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.’



“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

(Matthew 25:14-30)





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# Entrusted

***God has Faith in us, but do you have faith in God?***



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# Risk and Reward

“Went at once... to work...” Why? You ENTRUSTED me.



# Fear and Hiding

You neither lived by taking a risk nor did you live prudently. Instead, You lived **fearfully**.

“There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.” Paulo Coelho



# TAKING A RISKS

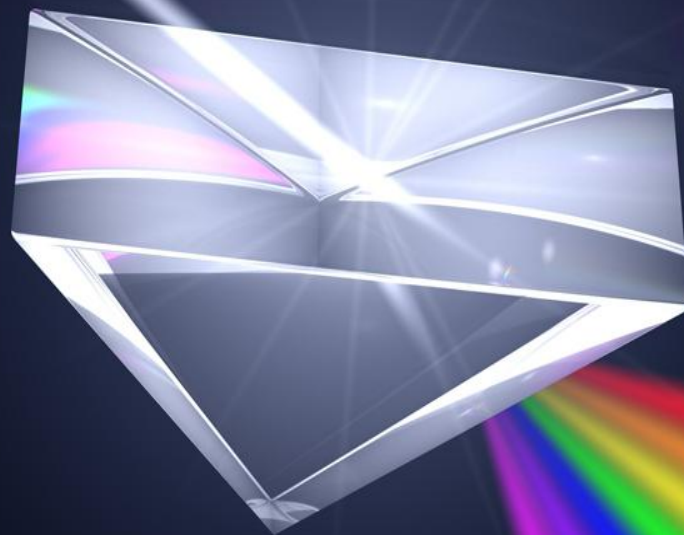
**RIGHT** view of God – “for God so love the world...” Jn 3:16

**IDENTITY** in Christ – where does our value come from?

**STRATEGY**—what are you hoping to achieve

**KINGDOM** focus – what is the new reality God Promises?





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