

Well Done

2018

“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.

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.

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

But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ “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!’

“The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

“The master said, ‘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!’ “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver.

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ Matthew 25:14-30 (NLT2)

Approved by God

“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!’” Matthew 25:21 (NLT2)

Background on the Story

Servant A

- 5 Bags of Silver Entrusted
- Earned 5 Bags More

Servant B

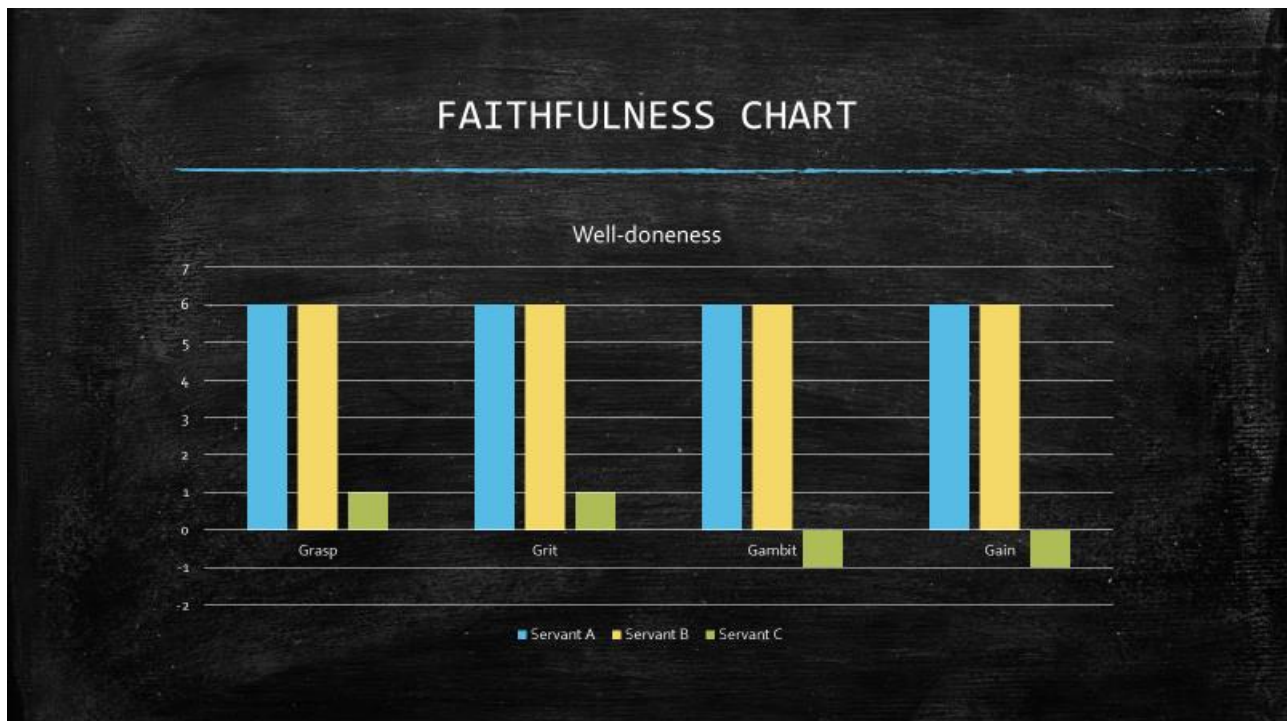
- 2 Bags of Silver Entrusted
- Earned 2 Bags More

Servant C

- 1 Bag of Silver Entrusted
- 0 Bags More

- The Master was entrusting his money to his servants while he was gone on a trip
- The money was divided according to the ability of each person
- The Master assumed each servant would be faithful to look out for his interests
- The Master rewarded each servant according to their faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS CHART



Grasp-Grit-Gambit-Gain for Servant A, B, and C

You Were Entrusted with 2018

- Did you grasp what God intended for you?

- Did you apply grit to accomplish God's purposes?
- How did your gambit benefit God and his purposes?
- What have you gained from God as a result of your faithfulness?

2019

How will you invest 2019 for God's interests?

Keys to Remember for 2019 Goals

Keep

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33 (NLT2)

Avoid

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. 1 John 2:15-16 (NLT2)

Start the Year with Focus

New Year's Prayer and Planning

my goals

CATEGORY	GOALS	THE STEPS I WILL TAKE IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS TO REACH THESE GOALS
SPIRITUAL		
FAMILY		
MINISTRY		
PERSONAL		
CAREER		

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Press On for the Well Done

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14 (NASB)