



Introduction

As Christians, we are taught that God wants us to be faithful stewards of the blessings entrusted to us. As the hands and feet of Jesus, our responsibility doesn't stop at the point of simply receiving these blessings or just taking them for granted. Instead, we are supposed to use them to the best of our ability to expand God's kingdom.

- Are you using your blessings to the best of your ability?
- Is your congregation using its blessings to the best of its collective ability?

Answering those questions can be challenging because we sometimes don't even realize something is keeping us from being or becoming our best. Also, it's very difficult to accurately measure whether or not we are using our abilities to their maximum capacity.

This book is designed to help you and your congregation identify and address four struggles (in other words, the "something") that can cause people to be too easily satisfied with the blessings that have

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been entrusted to them. By combining the principles found in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30) with lessons from modern life, you'll discover how the struggles of *comparison*, *evasion*, *presumption*, and *complacency* can keep people from expanding God's kingdom.

May this journey help you better connect your God-given abilities to your God-supplied blessings so that you and others can experience more joyous living.