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## **"NOTHING RISKED, NOTHING REWARDED"**

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**MATTHEW 25:14-30 (ESV)**

### **I. THE OVERLOOKED ISSUE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

**INSIGHT:** The test of your Christian life isn't your decision; it's the impact of your life in the decades that followed.

**INSIGHT:** Most of us tend to think about wickedness as breaking the Commandments, when biblically, "wickedness" for the Christian is the failure to invest our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God.

### **II. THE CALL OF CHRIST TO RISK**

**QUESTION:** Why didn't this servant invest his bag of gold?

**ANSWER:** It felt risky. When you invest what you have, there's the risk of losing.

**TRUTH:** When you came into the family of God, Jesus Christ had an assignment: stay the course, invest your life, your time, talent, and your resources to advance the kingdom where you live, work, and play, till Christ returns or you go to heaven.

Stories in the Bible of believers called to risk:

1. David and Goliath
2. Jonathan and his armor bearer
3. Esther
4. The Apostle Paul

**TRUTH:** We all would like some type of guarantee that every investment by us will yield a return, but God rarely gives His people a guarantee.

**TRUTH:** Risking is dangerous; not risking is more dangerous.

**INSIGHT:** Obedience always involves risk.

### **III. THE PATHWAY TO RISKING: TRUST THE GOODNESS OF GOD (Romans 8:31-39).**

**INSIGHT:** It was Paul's habit in life to live large for Christ and risk much.