FIDELITY - *faithfulness to a person, cause, or belief, demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support.*

I CAN AND WILL BE FAITHFUL IN INVESTING WHAT I HAVE IF…

1. I REALIZE THAT I AM A _____ WHILE GOD IS THE _____.

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. **Matthew 25:14** NLT

…think of us as servants… as caretakers. [2] Because we are in this particular role, it is especially important that we are people of fidelity and integrity. **1 Corinthians 4:1-2** VOICE

Will someone steal from God?" Yet you are stealing from Me! But you self-centered people still ask, "How have we stolen from You?" In the tithes and the offerings you have not given Me! **Malachi 3:8** VOICE

2. I FOCUS ON _____ RATHER THAN _____.

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. **Matthew 25:15** NLT

3. I ACCEPT THAT FAITH _____.

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. [18] But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money. **Matthew 25:16–17** NLT

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You've been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things **Matthew 25:21** NIV

Does talking about faith indicate that a person has it? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense? **James 2:17** MP

4. I LIVE _____ THAT I WILL BE _____ TO MY MASTER.

After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. **Matthew 25:19** NLT

Be careful how you live; be mindful of your steps. Don't run around like idiots as the world does. Instead, walk as the wise! [16] Make the most of every moment because these are evil times. **Ephesians 5:15, 16** VOICE

5. I AM HONEST ABOUT MY _____.

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.' [21] "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!' [22] "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.' [23] "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!' [24] "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. [25] I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.' **Matthew 25:20-26** NLT

[26] "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, [27] why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.' **Matthew 25:20-26** NLT

- **The servant identifies his problem as _____.**
- **The Master identifies it as _____ and _____.**

If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. [11] And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? **Luke 16:10-11** NLT

1. **Honestly, am I serving God faithfully with my _____?**
2. **Honestly, am I serving God faithfully with my _____?**
3. **Honestly, am I serving God faithfully with my _____?**

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?