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Matthew 25:14-25 (NIV) Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent 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 the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. 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 the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

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Then the man who had received the one talent 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 talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

**What was the accurate view of God pictured here?**

1. He was a giver not a taker.
2. He is fair.
3. His expectation was gain not failure.
4. He didn't compare them.

### **How do I change my perspective?**

1. It is a process.
2. You have to change your input.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

3. Look at Jesus.

John 14:8-9 (NIV) Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

4. Begin to challenge your thinking.

Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### **How does God view you?**

1. God sees you as acceptable.

1 Peter 2:9 (LB) You have been chosen by God Himself.

2. God sees you as valuable.

Luke 12:24 (NLT) Look at the birds. They don't need to plan or harvest or put food in barns because God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to Him than any birds.

1 Corinthians 7:23 (LB) You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to Him...

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