

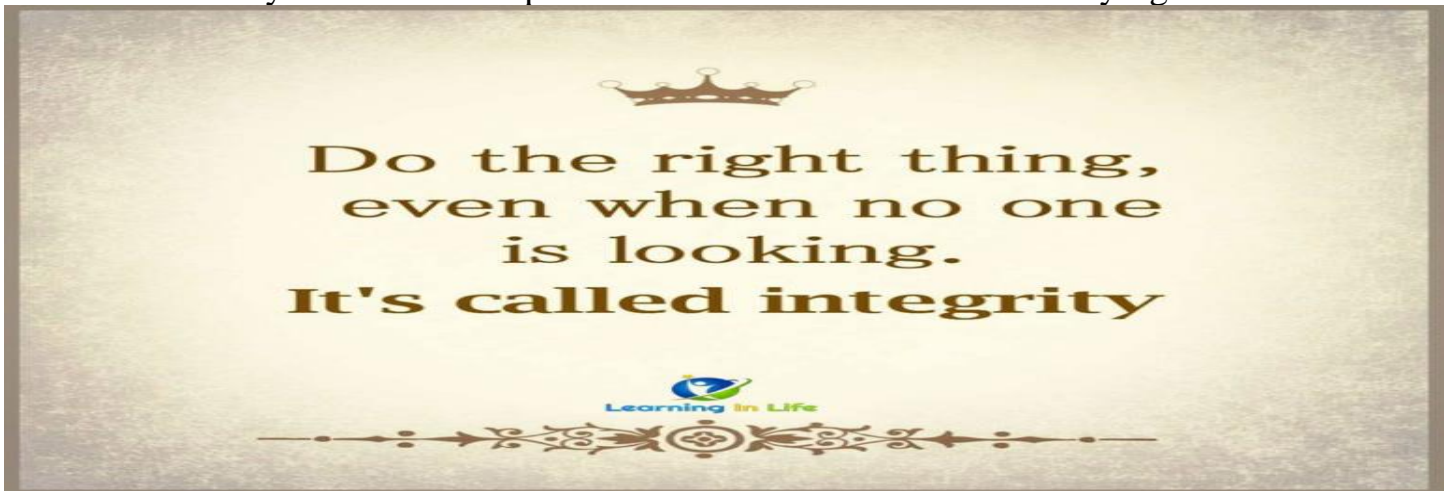
1. **“Wicked and lazy servant”**
2. **“You knew...,”** but even though you knew, you should have...
3. Remove the gift and give it to the one who already has.
4. Discard the **“worthless servant”**

II. LESSONS/SPIRITUAL & LIFE APPLICATIONS/QUESTIONS

- A. Neither of these parables are the home of the infamous quote, **“to whom much is given, much is required,”** although they sound similar.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. **For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:** and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. Luke 12:48b (KJV)

- B. When we are under someone else’s authority, there are expectations. We need to be clear what those expectations are.
- C. We should not get upset/jealous/frustrated/nervous about the fact that everyone has a different level of ability.
- D. Can you be trusted to perform **in the absence** of the authority figure?



- E. Servant-Leaders know how to **take initiative**.
- F. In order to manage many things, we have to learn to manage the small things well **FIRST**. Could it be that we don’t have more to manage because...
- G. We are expected to use what we have been given and not bury it. How do we bury our gifts?
- H. Some of us are lazy.
- I. Don’t be surprised when you have been blessed with **more**.
- J. Don’t be surprised when your blessing has been taken from you because of...fear, refusal to use it, laziness, stinginess, ignorance,....

For Next Week:

[THE PARABLE OF THE TWO DEBTORS](#) - Luke 10:30-37

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