

Sermon Outline  
August 17, 2025  
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**Point #2:** We are to be \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

- What you \_\_\_\_\_ is all you will have, but what you \_\_\_\_\_ God multiplies.

**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.'

- **Money does not change people, it \_\_\_\_\_ them.**

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**28** "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. **29** To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

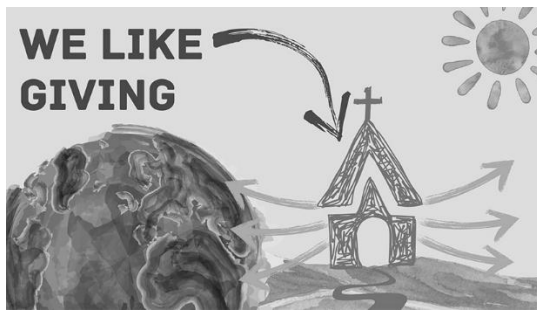
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