



Investment Opportunity Matthew 25:19-21, 26

About *Opportunity: Today's*

Decisions Tomorrow's Realities

Time moves faster and faster the older we become. In fact, life is far too short to make foolish decisions. One bad decision can take years to overcome. If you're not sure how to get where you want to go, ask someone who's been there. If you heed the advice, chances are ... you'll be glad you did! Learn how to make the most of every opportunity in this four-part series – *Opportunity: Today's Decisions Tomorrow's Realities*.

Bottom Line

The longer you **live**, the more you have to **give**.
Invest your **time** in those coming along **behind**.
The value of your life is determined by how much of it you give away.

Introduction

The man who taught me to study the Bible recently went to be with the Lord on May 2, 2019. He was 89 years old. His name was Warren Wiersbe.

Dr. Wiersbe would always take my call. He would always pray with me. His advice was invaluable, and from time to time, I'd get a box of books that he thought would be helpful, and they were!

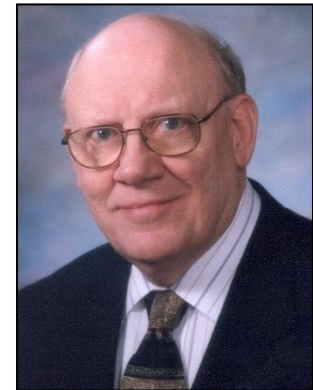
The biggest thing he taught me was not just to teach information about the Bible. Instead, he taught me to make the Bible come alive, be practical, and helpful to people.

Now, he's gone, but his influence is felt because of his investment in those who were coming along behind him.

You have this same opportunity, but if you're not careful, you are going to miss it.

Struggle

You have a treasure chest full of life experiences that will die with you unless you become intentional about distributing your wealth (and I'm not speaking primarily of money).



*The value of life is always determined
by how much of it was given away.*

The trouble is most do not believe their life matters that much. You may not think you know anything or can offer anything helpful. You may think you're too busy.

You can hang on to all of your wisdom and life experience, after all, it's yours. But if you hang on, it won't be worth anything when you're gone because it will be gone with you! Don't let it be buried. Leverage it for the sake of those coming along behind you.

Truth

Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25)

Three servants. Three different amounts. Expectation: Multiplication!

(Read Matthew 25)

Your experience, good and bad, is a bag of gold. You have an opportunity and responsibility to invest it.

Don't bury it. Don't allow it to be buried with you. Don't throw away your opportunity.

For some of you, this is an opportunity to redeem your failure.

Conclusion

Somebody either did this or didn't do it for you. Your life is richer if he or she did. Your life would have been richer if he or she had.

Now, it's your turn.

What are you going to do with your life's treasure?

Bury it like the guy in the parable? Be buried with it like most people because they don't think they have anything to offer or they are too self-absorbed to offer it?

You can hang on to it, or you can leverage it for the sake of those coming along behind you.

Next Steps

- Memorize 2 Timothy 2:2
- Find someone to mentor and invest in.