



## Examples of Use it or Lose it?

Necessary Warning – Because Jesus Cares

The servant who lost...

- He KNEW
- He was AFRAID fear doesn't help us make good decisions
- There was an EASY OPTION
- Was JUDGED

## Consider the increase you are working for:

- Career – Less promotion More promoting good
- Family – Less happiness More faithfulness
- Finances – Less accumulation More impact
- Privilege – Less self More the less privileged
- SPIRITUAL Call
  - Submit / Repent
  - Show Up
  - Engage
  - Lead

### **Saved by Grace**

You can lose  
your blessings  
but not your  
salvation!



# ENCOUNTER QUESTIONS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

Review the sermon. What was the main point?  
What did you think about the message?  
What stood out to you?

In the parable of the talents, **Matthew 25:14-30**, Jesus highlights both the reward and the punishment. In raising kids, or in workplaces, there are often both rewards and punishments. Which is more effective? Are both necessary? What have been your experiences personally?

**Deuteronomy 28** is a sobering chapter in the covenant given through Moses to Israel. Read the first few verses to get a feel for it. There is a change at verse 15, it goes from blessings to curses - 14 verses of blessing, followed by 54 verses of curses. Some think that blessings and curses are natural consequences of how we live, others see them as supernatural action. What do you believe? Why? What do you think has changed with the new covenant in Christ?

We are not saved by what we do, so we cannot lose our salvation because of what we do or don't do. In light of the parable of the talents, read **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**. It states clearly that those who are built on Jesus Christ are saved, but also points to reward and loss. In this verse, of the things listed, what materials survive fire? What are you building with in your life? What things last?

What is God calling you to use so that it can multiply for God's good in the world and not be lost?

**Write one thing you learned from the sermon:**