



spiritual adult

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TRACK 1: DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS

STAYING FAITHFUL

ICEBREAKER: IF YOU RULED THE REALM 👑

Imagine this: tomorrow morning you wake up, and somehow you have officially become King or Queen of the country. The crown is real. The throne is yours. People are waiting anxiously for your first royal decisions. Let's have some fun imagining what kind of ruler you'd be.

If you were King or Queen...

1. What's the very first fun or positive change you would make?
2. What holiday would you create, and what would people do on that day?
3. What everyday rule would you tweak just to make life more enjoyable?
4. What song would play every time you entered a room?
5. What would your royal motto be?
6. At the end of your reign, what would you hope people say about you?

STUDY: RELIABILITY BEFORE RESPONSIBILITY

It's fun to imagine wearing the crown and shaping a kingdom. And honestly, as we continue to grow in our faith, it's natural to have the desire for greater impact and responsibility. That desire isn't wrong. But the Kingdom of God works differently. Influence isn't seized - it's entrusted.

Spiritual Adults don't chase platforms; they cultivate faithfulness. God measures your readiness for influence by your faithfulness over time. Before He expands your responsibility, He has to be sure of your reliability. And that's exactly where Jesus takes us in Matthew 25, with the Parable of the Talents.

READ Matthew 25:14-30

- What's your first reaction to this parable that Jesus tells?
- The master gave each servant "according to his ability." What does that reveal about how God entrusts responsibility?
- The first two servants received the same affirmation even though they produced different amounts. What does that teach us about how God measures success?

- The third servant didn't waste the talent - he buried it. Why do you think inaction was treated so seriously?
- Where do you see fear influencing the third servant's decisions? How can fear quietly limit our growth?

ACTIVITY: FAITHFUL WITH A FEW BINGO

Notice the order of what the Master says in Matthew 25:21, "You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" Faithful with a few. Then entrusted with many. Then joy shared with the Master. The Kingdom doesn't move from ambition to promotion. It moves from stewardship to joy. So instead of wondering, "When will I get more?" This next activity asks, "How am I handling what I already have?"

Instructions: Read each square – jot down an answer for each box. Then mark if you are currently being a "good steward" in that area.

<i>A family member who looks up to you</i>	<i>A responsibility at work</i>	<i>A ministry role (big or small)</i>	<i>A neighbor you know by name</i>	<i>A leadership opportunity (formal or informal)</i>
<i>Your social media presence or influence</i>	<i>A friend who trusts your advice</i>	<i>A skill or talent that others notice</i>	<i>A difficult relationship</i>	<i>A class or area of study</i>
<i>A younger believer watching your example</i>	<i>A team you're a part of (sports, work, church)</i>	<i>Your daily attitude</i>	<i>Your free time</i>	<i>Your finances & resources</i>
<i>A conversation you need to have</i>	<i>A spiritual gift you've identified</i>	<i>Your prayer habits</i>	<i>A place you regularly go (gym, coffee shop, etc.)</i>	<i>A sibling or child in your life</i>
<i>A responsibility no one sees</i>	<i>A platform where your words matter</i>	<i>A habit that shapes your character</i>	<i>A weekly commitment you have</i>	<i>A dream God has placed on your heart</i>

CHALLENGE: AUDIENCE OF ONE

Look at your Bingo board above and choose one area where you "buried" what God entrusted you with. This week, take one intentional step to steward that small thing well - whether it's a relationship, a habit, or a responsibility. The goal here is obedience. As Matt. 25:21 reminds us, faithfulness with a few things comes before being entrusted with many. Next week, come ready to share what you chose and what you learned.