

Money of Life – The currency of Jesus

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Matthew 25:14



The belly button marks the place at which the nutritional “*life line*” from your mother was attached to you. This permanent scar is a reminder of a profound truth: **life is a GIFT!** Grace is given to us through Jesus (the umbilical cord) (Means of Life) so that we are

enabled to achieve the purpose for which the Creator designed us. (Maker of Life)

Fundamentally, Father loans you three commodities: *Time*, *Talent* and *Treasure*. “*It’s like a man going on a trip. He called his servants and **loaned them money to invest for him while he was gone**” (Matthew 25:14)*

TIME! How many days will you live? Obviously, you don’t know! What you do know is this: when you wake up in the morning, your “**alive-ness**” is **a gift.**” *Time is the coin of life. Only you can determine how it will be spent. (Carl Sandburg)*” So, “*teach us to use wisely all the time we have*” (Psalm 90:12)

TALENT! Consider your unique *personality* and *talent mix*. Did

you purchase it/them at Niemen Marcus? Here's what the Manual says: *"You shaped me first inside, then out; You formed me in my mother's womb"* (Psalm 139:13) *"God didn't have time to make a nobody, only a somebody. I believe that each of us has **God-given talents** within us waiting to be brought to fruition."* (Mary Kay Ash)

TREASURE! Much advertising appeals to our sense of entitlement. *"You've work long and hard! You deserve this!"* However, a smidgen of honesty reveals the truth. Yes, we work hard; but **with** the time and talent that have grace-fully been given! *"Every good endowment that we possess and every complete gift that we have received comes from the Father above"* (Psalm 139:13) *"Riches do not consist in the possession of treasures, but in the use made of them."* (Napoleon Bonaparte)

*"Sometime later the master returned and called them to give an account of **how they had used his money**".* (Matthew 25:19) As with any financier, Father wants a return on His investment. How's your account in His portfolio?

