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TABLE TALK

Wise Steward

Prepare:

As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (based on 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

- C: We know the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
R: But we are destined to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
C: So that on that day, whether we are awake or asleep
R: we will live with Him.

Read: Read Matthew 25:14-30 (ESV)

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Reflect:

As members of the kingdom of God, we have the responsibility to steward the kingdom's riches. Like the servants, we don't know when our Lord will return, but we are called to make the best use of His riches while we wait.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Matthew 25:14-30) means for you as a family.

Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Pray:

The head of the household prays:

Almighty Father, thank you for making us stewards of Your kingdom's gifts. Help us to use them wisely and to Your glory until Christ returns. Amen.