

November 15, 2020  
**“About Face!”**  
**(Matthew 25:14-30)**

We use the term “about face” to refer to someone who experiences a complete change in an attitude or opinion.

Generally, we follow the crowd.

There are two key words we have to confront if we’re going to understand this story and apply it to our lives:

The two words are: entrusted and afraid.

The first and second servants invested their master’s wealth.

The third servant hid his master’s wealth.

**1.- The saddest and least productive emotion in life is Fear.**

Fear’s only fruit is regret and lost opportunities and increased focus on one’s self and one’s security.

Think of all the things in life we miss out on because we are afriad.  
We don’t trust God’s goodness and promises.

Think of all the opportunities we could harvest if we were just bold enough to base our goals and priorities on God’s promises instead of our own security!

**2.- Think how often the scriptures say, “Don’t be Afraid.”**

Could it be that the opposite of faith is not unbelief but fear?

Fear not only makes us miserable, but it robs us in so many ways including the ability for healing to take place in our bodies!

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**3.- This story tells us that Christ is looking for people with holy Boldness.**

What is holy boldness? --

--"The boldness to let God direct your talents and energy toward good works that bring Him glory."

God made us to partner with Him in ushering in the kingdom of God.

Notice the outcome of this story rests on faith in God’s character and obedience to God’s commands.

Both faith and obedience require boldness to let go of your own security and comfort and let God use you for His larger plans!

God has entrusted you with great wealth. (Life. Talents. Energy. Intellect. Influence.)

God can’t use you for His glory if you are afraid of investing your life in good works for God’s glory!

The Christian life is not for sissies.

It is for people willing to live with holy boldness, seeking to be where God wants them to be, and living as God wants them to live!

**Do you see yourself in that role?**

**Why settle for less?**