A GODLY PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

Are we using our talents and leading a purposeful Life?

For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:14



MATTHEW 25:14 - 23 (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.'

GOD KNOWS WHAT WE EACH CAN HANDLE.



BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL,

BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE ABLE,
BUT WITH THE TEMPTATION WILL
ALSO MAKE THE WAY OF ESCAPE,
THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

ARE WE USING OUR TALENTS?

WHAT IS A TALENT?

- Natural aptitude or skill
- A former weight and unit of currency, used especially by the ancient Romans and Greeks.

"WHEN I STAND BEFORE AT THE END OF LIFE I WOULD HOPE THAT **WOULD NOT HAVE A** SINGLE BIT OF TALENT AND COULD SAY, I USED EVERYTHING YOU GAVE ME." —ERMA BOMBECK

IN THE BIBLE WE CAN READ OF A LADY WHO HAD A TALENT AND WAS ABLE TO SAVE GOD'S PEOPLE....ESTHER.

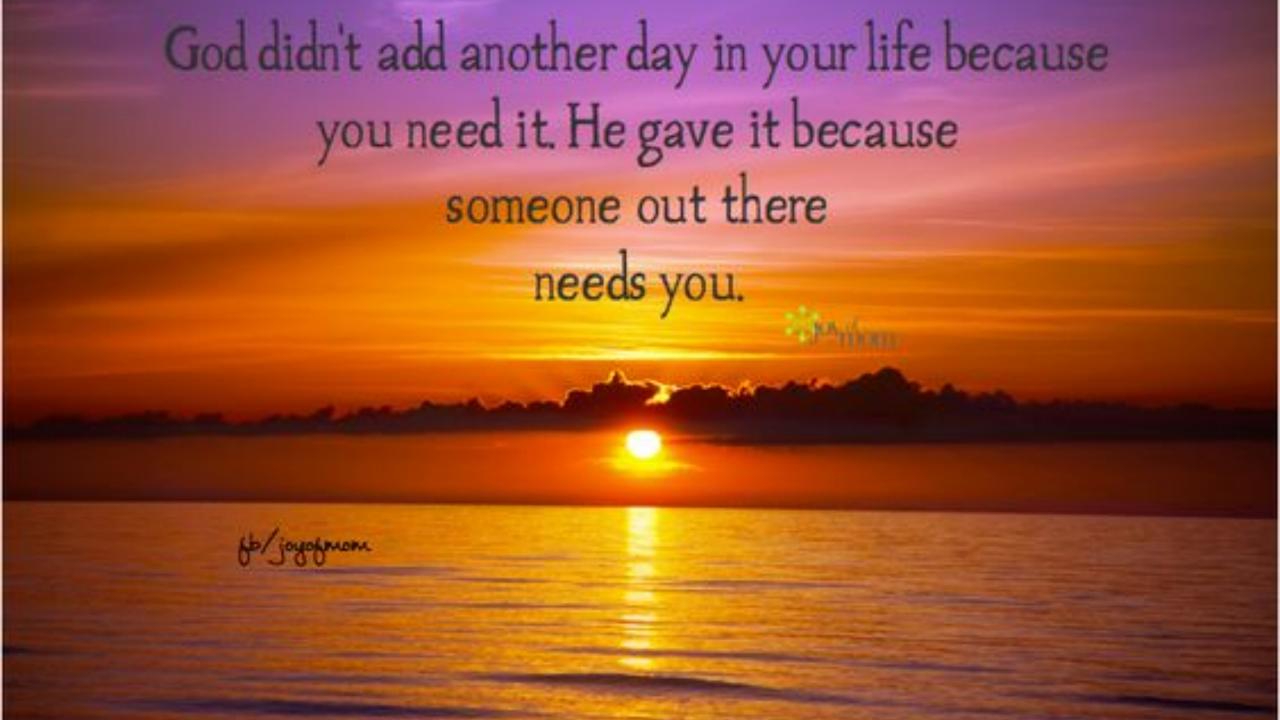
Esther 4:13 – 14 (ESV) (13 Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. I 4 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?")

CL I ESTHER 4:14

ARE WE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO USE THE TALENTS GOD GAVE US?



AREWETAKING RISKS?



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20



Matthew 25:24 - 30 (ESV) 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.'

ARE YOU LIVING A LIFE THAT IS PURPOSEFUL?