

LESSON 1 • Wants vs. Needs



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1 Key Concepts

- Wants vs. Needs
- Teach the children the meaning of really being content with the things that we have.
- Teach the children about being good stewards of what we have.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Be prepared to make a list of the things the children really want and the things they need for the day.
- Also make a list of how to take care of the things we have.
- Have the children get their Bibles out and turn to **Matthew 25: 14-30**.

I Timothy 6:8

*But if we have food
and clothing, we will be
content with that.*

3 Lesson

- Has anyone ever given you something to take care of?
 - List some of those things on the board.
- What were the expectations of the person giving you the object to take care of?
 - Were you able to meet those expectations?
- What are some of the expectations that God has for us?
- What were the expectations of the man giving the talents away?
 - Did all of the servants meet those expectations?
- What are some of the things that you REALLY want to have?
 - Why do you REALLY want those things?
 - What will those things do for you to make you happy?
 - Why do you think God has given you those things?
- What things has God given us?
 - How does God want us to take care of things?
- God says we are to be content and be good stewards of what He has given us.
 - We need to take care of all of the things God has given us, all of them.
 - He gives us everything we need. We should take care of it all.
 - Whether we are using it for ourselves or to help others God wants us to wisely take care of our possessions.

4 Conclusion

God wants us to take care of the things He has given us. We need to be good stewards of those gifts. We are to use those gifts to the best of our abilities and use them wisely

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank you for all of the things you have given us. Help us to use these gifts to the best of our abilities. Help us also to use them to help others and bring others to you. Amen

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6 Resources

- [Bible](#)
- [Merriam-Webster Dictionary](#)
- [Silverstein, Shel. *The Giving Tree*](#)
This is a story about giving and taking until there is no more to give.
- [Wilson, Karma. *Bear Wants More*](#)
This is a story about a bear that is not happy with what he has and still wants more
- [Hall, Donald. *Ox-cart Man*](#)
A farm family uses their resources to grow and make the things they need. They grow extra things to sell at the market.

Vocabulary

- 7 **Steward:** to manage what belongs to someone else.

Talents: a unit of value equal to the value of a talent of gold or silver, the natural endowments of a person.

