

**THIS IS US**



# SELFISH

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**Selfish = lacking consideration for others; concerned chiefly with one's own personal profit or pleasure.**

**Matthew 25: 14 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants[c] 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.**

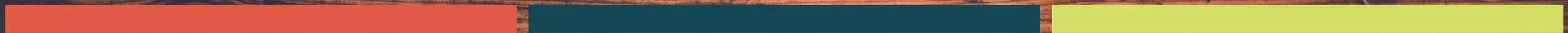
**Matthew 25: 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.**

**Matthew 25:19** 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.'

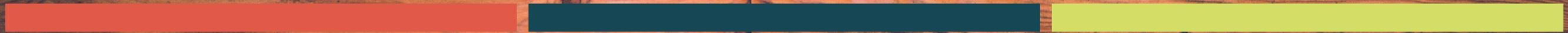
# Symptoms of Selfishness

**Selfish people only see things from  
their point of view!**



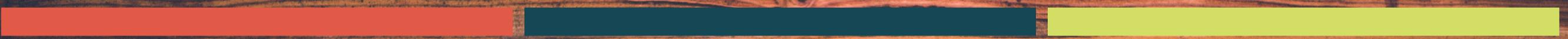
**24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,**

**Selfish people have wrong responses  
to right situations!**



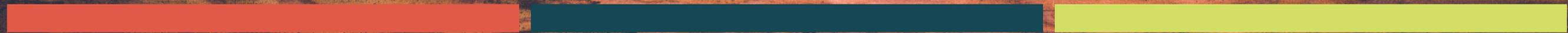
**25 so I was afraid,**

**Selfish people are close minded with  
false humility!**



**25 and I went and hid your talent in the  
ground.,**

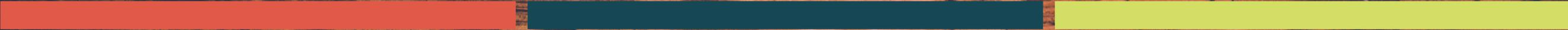
**Selfish people are under achievers**



**25 Here, you have what is yours.**

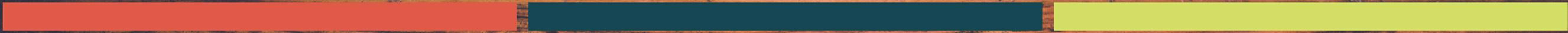
# Solutions for Selfishness

# Be Legitimate and ambitious!



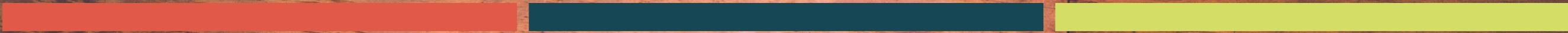
26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant!

Use what you know to your  
advantage



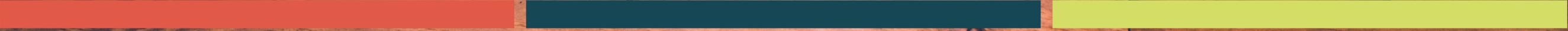
Vs 26 You knew that I reap where I have  
not sown and gather where I scattered no  
seed?

# Do Something with your potential!



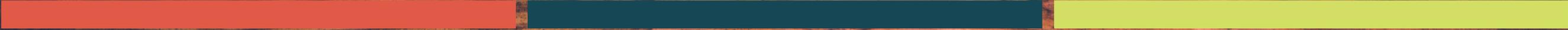
Vs 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.

**Don't expect God to be fair, expect  
him to be just**



**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.**

**You will always end up in a place of  
joy and fulfillment**



**30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer  
darkness. In that place there will be weeping and  
gnashing of teeth.'**

