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You Reap What You Risk

(Giving what you can't keep; gaining what you can't lose)
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2 Of God's Best Gifts

God created you with a **climbing gear**.

"Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country" (Josh 14:10-12 NIV)

God placed within you an **ascending spirit**.

"Where *there is* no vision, the people perish . . ." (Pro 29:18 KJV)

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. **YOU MAY ASK ME FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME, AND I WILL DO IT.**" (John 14:12-14 NIV)

4 Realities Of Real Life

Everything you enjoy **comes from God**

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." (Jam 1:17 NIV)

Everything you enjoy **gives you choices and options**.

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my **barns** and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty; eat, drink and be merry.'"" (Luk 12:18 NIV)

Everything you enjoy **comes with consequences**.

". . . From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." (Luke 12:48 NIV)

Everything you enjoy **you are responsible to leverage**.

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going into another country, who called together his servants and loaned them money to invest for him while he was gone. He gave \$5,000 to one, \$2,000 to another, and \$1,000 to the last--dividing it in proportion to their abilities--and then left on his trip. The man who received the \$5,000 began immediately to buy and sell with it and soon earned another \$5,000. The man with \$2,000 went right to work, too, and earned another \$2,000. But the man who received the \$1,000 dug a hole in the ground and hid the money for safekeeping. After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to him to account for his money. The man to whom he had entrusted the \$5,000 brought him \$10,000. His master praised him for good work. 'You have been faithful in handling this small amount,' he told him, 'so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Begin the joyous tasks I have assigned to you.' Next came the man who had received the \$2,000, with the report, 'Sir, you gave me \$2,000 to use, and I have doubled it.' 'Good work,' his master said. 'You are a good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over this small amount, so now I will give you much more.' Then the man with the \$1,000 came and said, 'Sir, I knew you were a hard man, and I was afraid you would rob me of what I earned, so I hid your money in the earth and here it is!' But his master replied, 'Wicked man! Lazy slave! Since you knew I would demand your profit, you should at least have put my money into the bank so I could have some interest. Take the money from this man and give it to the man with the \$10,000. **FOR THE MAN WHO USES WELL WHAT HE IS GIVEN SHALL BE GIVEN MORE, AND HE SHALL HAVE ABUNDANCE.** But from the man who is unfaithful, even what little responsibility he has shall be taken from him. And throw the useless servant out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (Mat 25:14-30 TLB)