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Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30 NASB

An Invitation to Play a Role in Your Sanctification



Why Parables?

Matthew 13:10-13 (NIV)

¹⁰ The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

¹¹ He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables:

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Vs 14-18

- ¹⁴ “For *it is* just like a man *about* to go on a journey, *who* called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.
- ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.
- ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents immediately went and did business with them, and earned five more *talents*.
- ¹⁷ In the same way the one who *had received* the two *talents* earned two more.
- ¹⁸ But he who received the one *talent* went away and dug *a hole in the* ground, and hid his master’s money.

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Vs 19-23

- ¹⁹ “Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
- ²⁰ The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents.’
- ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.’
- ²² “Also the one who *had received* the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have earned two more talents.’
- ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.’

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Vs 24-28

- ²⁴ “Now the one who had received the one talent also came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter *seed*.’
- ²⁵ And I was afraid, so I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you *still* have what is yours.’
- ²⁶ “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You worthless, lazy slave! Did you know that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter *seed*?’
- ²⁷ Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest.
- ²⁸ Therefore: take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’

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Vs 29-30

- ²⁹ “For to everyone who has, *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.
- ³⁰ And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- Matthew 25:29-30 TPT
- ²⁹ For the one who has will be given more, until he overflows with abundance. And the one with hardly anything, even what little he has will be taken from him.’
- ³⁰ “Then the master said to his other servants, ‘Now, throw that good-for-nothing servant far away from me into the outer darkness, where there will be great misery and anguish!’”

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Matthew 25:14

- ¹⁴ “For *it is* just like a man *about* to go on a journey, *who* called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.
- Parables unveil mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven
- Romans 6:18 NASB
- ¹⁸ and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness.
- Accept Christ = Freed from sin = Justification = Basis to be entrusted
- Same starting point for ALL
- Same potential for Justification, Sanctification, Glorification

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Matthew 25:15

Know Your Condition and the Condition of Your Flock

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- Romans 6:18 NASB ¹⁸ and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness.
- Build your ability through righteous living
- Philippians 2:12-13
- ¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
- ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for *His* good pleasure.

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- **Active** role to intentionally grow in holiness, maturity and obedience
- By reading and meditating on the Word of God
- Praying for others more than for yourself
- Take part in individual and corporate worship, Christian fellowship
- Making disciples and exercising self-control, etc.

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Know Your Condition

- Your own salvation = experiential holiness = sanctification
- Sanctification affects our intellect – grow in knowledge and wisdom Phil 1:9.
- Sanctification affects our emotions – increasingly having delight in God's will.
- Sanctification affects our will – to conform more and more to the will of God Psalm 37:4.
- Sanctification affects our spirit - we grow in our ability to receive more talents 2 Corinthians 7:1.
- Sanctification affects our physical bodies – intentional about not letting sin to reign in our bodies

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He Gave According to Our Abilities

- ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.
- Sanctified when we fulfil purpose
- Same instructions
- Same time
- Same grace to double
- Different levels of preparation determine how we work out our own salvation

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Matthew 25:16-18

Our Abilities Expressed As Experiential Sanctification

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- ¹⁸ But he who received the one *talent* went away and dug *a hole in the* ground, and hid his master's money.
- Let stewardship be your lifestyle
- Your stewardship will speak for you

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Matthew 25:19

Enough Time For Experiential Sanctification

- ¹⁹ “Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
- 2 Peter 3:8-9 TPT
- ⁸ So, dear friends, don't let this one thing escape your notice: a single day counts like a thousand years to the Lord Yahweh, and a thousand years counts as one day.
- ⁹ This means that, *contrary to man's perspective*, the Lord is not late with his promise *to return*, as some measure lateness. But rather, his “delay” simply reveals his loving patience toward you, because he does not want any to perish but all to come to repentance.
- The Lord will come like a thief - unannounced

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Matthew 25:20-23

Reckoning on Quality of Our Stewardship

- ²⁰ The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents.'
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Matthew 25:20-23

Reckoning on Quality of Our Stewardship

- Good stewardship rewarded in like manner
- ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.’
- We return everything to Him because it’s His
- Quality of stewardship determines how much we permit God to stretch us
- Success is a product of our diligent work done using all our God given talents to glorify Him, serve humanity, and further the kingdom here on earth – which is the return expected of us by the Master

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Matthew 25:24-27

Reckoning on Quality of Our Stewardship

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- ²⁶ “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You worthless, lazy slave! Did you know that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter *seed*?’
- ²⁷ Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest.
- Not all in your team have your back
- Buried talent equals wasted opportunity

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Matthew 25:28

Reckoning on Quality of Our Stewardship

- ²⁸ Therefore: take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'
- Quality of stewardship is proportional to how we permit God to stretch us
- The Master does not like laziness
- We make better judgements when we know

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Matthew 25:29 TPT

Reckoning on Quality of Our Stewardship

- ²⁹ For the one who has will be given more, until he overflows with abundance. And the one with hardly anything, even what little he has will be taken from him.'
- How have you handled the following talents?
- 1) Matthew 28:16-20/Talent to spread the gospel
- 2) Matthew 6:14-15/Talent to Forgive
- 3) John 13:34-35/Talent to love

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Matthew 25:30 TPT

Reckoning on Quality of Our Stewardship

- ³⁰ “Then the master said to his other servants, ‘Now, throw that good-for-nothing servant far away from me into the outer darkness, where there will be great misery and anguish!’”
- We cannot afford to be complacent
- Be intentional about being an imitator of Christ
- Rely on the Christ

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John 15:5-7 TPT

Stay Steadfast on the Vine

- ⁵ “I am the sprouting vine and you’re my branches. As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless.
- ⁶ If a person is separated from me, he is discarded; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire to be burned.
- ⁷ But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done.

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Conclusion

- This parable is not about acquiring worldly wealth
- We are justified when we accept Christ as Lord and Savior
- Justification or positional sanctification qualifies us to receive talents
- Experiential holiness or sanctification is how we live eternal life
- We should be intentional about our sanctification
- Glorification is when sanctification is complete, and The Master says,
- ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.’



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