



Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

Studies in the Parables

Matthew 25:14-30

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.

Matthew 25:14-30

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 25:14-30

19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:14-30

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.'

Matthew 25:14-30

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.'

Matthew 25:14-30

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.'

Matthew 25:14-30

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.

Matthew 25:14-30

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.'

Sermon Outline

1. Context and Background
2. Observations
3. Interpretations
4. Applications

Context / Background

Bookend:
End of the Age



Bookend:
Final Judgment

3 Parables:
Be watchful, be ready, be faithful

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Matt 25:14-15 (ESV)

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First Servant:

²⁰ 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.'

Second Servant:

²² 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.'

Matt 25:20, 22 (ESV)

The Master's Response

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.'

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The Third Servant

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Matt 25:24-25 (ESV)

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Talents

Talents may be:

- natural abilities / talents
- spiritual gifts
- time and possessions
- opportunities / open doors

Talents

Implications:

- Extravagance of God
- His property
- All in!
- To each according to his ability
- Opportunities

The Master's Delight & Joy

“Well done, good and faithful servant...”

“Enter into the Joy of the master.”

The Master's Delight

“Well done, good and faithful servant...”

- God is delighted with our faith & obedience
- Be faithful and diligent; let God take care of the result

The Master's Extravagant Joy

“... Enter into the **Joy** of your Master”

An Unsettled Question

Lose Salvation?

Fear of the Lord

Summary

God's Extravagant Blessings Talents

- Abilities & Spiritual Gifts
- Time, Possessions, Opportunities

Invest them for God's kingdom

Live diligently

Love Extravagantly

Live a life that *matters*