

The Parable of the Talents

A stack of approximately seven gold coins is positioned in the center of the page. The coins are stacked vertically, with the top coin showing its obverse side. The stack is slightly offset to the right, creating a sense of depth. The background is a plain, light color, making the coins stand out.

Are You
Hiding Your
Talents?

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What will you

LEARN

today?

- What are talents?
- Does everyone have talents?
- Perception plays a part
- No excuses allowed
- It is up to you

Matt 25:13-29

- [Mat 25:14-29 KJV] 14 For [the kingdom of heaven is] as a man travelling into a far country, [who] called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made [them] other five talents. 17 And likewise he that [had received] two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, [thou] good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, [there] thou hast [that is] thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, [Thou] wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and [then] at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give [it] unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

What are talents?

- Money



- Time



- Skills/Abilities



- Money- 10 talents- \$4,000,000
 - 5 Talents- \$2,000,000
 - 1 Talent- \$400,000
- Time- Bible states a long time(unknown)
 - A lifetime
 - A season
- Everyone receives something – not equal but according to their own ability- 1 Cor 12:7-11

Your perception

Opportunity or Opposition





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Excuses

- Fear- I was afraid
- No risk- I didn't really want to work
- No effort-or thought or creativity

- Other hinderances
 - Comparing talents
 - Jealousy
 - Selfish





SUMMARY

- Different levels of skill- but everyone received something
- Success only occurs when we take action-work meets opportunity
- Efforts to honor God, not selfish-1 Cor 6:20
- God provides everything needed
- We will be held accountable

APPLICATION- EXAMINATION TIME

- For this time in quarantine- if you had to account for what you did, how you spent your time, gifts, resources and finances- what would God say?
- Well done, enter into the joy of the Lord
- or
- You wicked & lazy servant?
- Let us not wait until our lives are over, but let us check ourselves now- so we can make changes if necessary.