

Sermon Notes Template

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25.14-30

April 28, 2024

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14 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants[a] and entrusted to them his property. **15** To one he gave five talents,[b] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. **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. **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.[c] You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ **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.’ **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.’ **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. **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.’

1. Intro
2. Main idea - The return of Christ is the grace of God displayed.
3. Parable Overview
 1. John 14.1-3
 2. Talent is 75 lbs of Gold
 3. This isn't actual “talents or abilities”
 4. Talents are the Gospel
4. The Servants
 1. The Good Servants
 1. Very Good men
 2. Investing the Gospel
 1. Matthew 28.19
 2. Micah 6.8
 3. 2nd Timothy 2.2
 4. 2nd Timothy 1.5
 2. The Landowners Response
 1. Returns after a long time

2. Well Done -
 1. Enter into my joy
3. The Bad Servant
 1. Who Calls what is good evil?
3. The Return of Christ is the fullness of the Grace of God displayed

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- 1.) What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- 2.) Has this sermon helped formed your view of what “talents” are?
- 3.) What do you do with the Gospel given to you? What investments are you making?
- 4.) Is there encouragement in knowing that it is not the amount of your faith but the one you put your faith in that matters most?
- 5.) Do you ever find yourself frustrated with God knowing that he justly and gracious punishes your sin or the sin of others?
- 6.) From you Grow Group time, what is an idea or two from your discussion that you can work to apply this week?