



The Parable Of The Talents. Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable Analyzed.

Not all were endowed alike. Verse 15

Not all produced alike. Verses 16-18

Not all were rewarded alike. Verses 21, 23, 26ff

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The Lord demanded a reckoning. Verses 19-30

He returned after a long time.

Two of the servants are excited. "Lo" (ASV); "Look" (NKJV)

"to see, calling attention to what may be seen or heard or mentally apprehended in any way. Lo, behold, observe. A particle of exclamation and calling attention to something present (Matthew 25:20,22,25)" (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

With these two the Lord is pleased. Verses 21, 23

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One servant made EXCUSES. Verses 24-25

''Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou didst not sow, and gathering where thou didst not scatter"

''I was afraid, and went away and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own."

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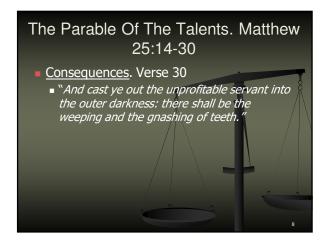
■ The Lord's Response.

■ Rebukes him as a "wicked and lazy servant." (NKJV) Verse 26

■ Should have, "put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest." Verse 27

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The Parable Of The Talents. Matthew 25:14-30 Consequences. Verses 28-29 Take ye away therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath the ten talents." For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away."



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Parable Applied.

- We are stewards. Matthew 25:14
- Opportunities in keeping with our ability.
 Matthew 25:15
- In the day of judgment, the number of "talents" will not matter.
- The question will be, "Have you been faithful in your use of the talents?"

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Parable Applied.

- Lord's return was not immediate.Matthew 25:19; cf. verse 5
- Everything should be done with a view to reckoning. cf. 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Opportunities here are important, but surpassed in eternity. Matthew 25:21;
 cf. Revelation 22:3-5

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Share in the Lord's glory. Verse 21; cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:10-12; Romans 8:12-17

- Those who make excuses will be punished. Verses 24-26; Luke 14:15-20
- Punishment reserved for the unprofitable servants! Verse 30; cf. 13:41-42

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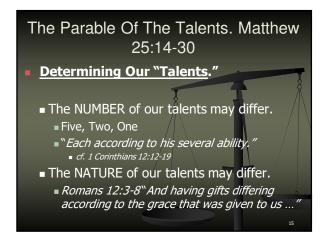
Parable Applied.

- OMISSION is just as bad as COMMISSION.
 - > Those who do evil. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth." Matthew 13:41-42

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Conclusion:
All have talents.
"Each according to his several ability."
One day He is coming and there will be a reckoning.

If we are going to be PREPARED then, we must be PRODUCTIVE now!

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