

# Parable of the Talents

Once Upon A Time - Part#2

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*“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ (Matthew 25:14-30, NLT)*

**Our Talent(s) will flourish when we choose to G.R.O.W. I.T.**

**GOD GAVE YOU YOUR TALENT(S)**

*“He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities.” (Matthew 25:15; NLT)*

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” (James 1:17; NIV)*

**RESPONSIBILITY IS GIVEN TO YOU, BY GOD, FOR YOUR TALENTS.**

*“He called together His servants and entrusted His money to them while He was gone.” (Matthew 25:14; NLT)*

*“Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.” (Luke 12:48; ESV)*

**RESPONSIBLE TO DO 2 THINGS:**

1. **DISCOVER YOUR TALENTS**

2. **USE YOUR TALENTS**

*"The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'" (Matthew 25:21; NLT)*

**OPERATE IN YOUR DESIGN.**

*"The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more." (Matthew 25:16-17; NLT)*

**NO BROKEN DESIGNS; ONLY BROKEN SYSTEMS**

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13; NIV)*

**WORK AND WATCH OR SNOOZE AND LOSE.**

*"To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance." (Matthew 25:29; NLT)*

*"But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away." (Matthew 25:29; NLT)*

**INVEST THEM TO HONOR GOD.**

*"Since you are so eager to have the special abilities the Spirit gives, seek those that will strengthen the whole church." (1 Corinthians 14:12; NLT)*

*"We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other." (Romans 12:5; NLT)*

**TELL YOUR STORY.**

*"And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony..." (Revelation 12:11; ESV)*

*"So, faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ." (Romans 10:17; NLT)*

**Action Step:**

*Share your Story via social media. #Story  
If you have already done it, re-share it.*