

## Story of the Master and the Talents . . .

### Matthew 25:14-30

## Use it or Lose it

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. “ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

**Matthew 25:14-18 ESV**

### 1. We are stewards.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart . . . It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

**Colossians 3:23a, 24b NIV**

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**1 Peter 4:10-11 NIV**

### 2. God expects me to use my gifts and talents.

And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more...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.' 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 25:20a, 22-23 ESV**

### 3. Be found faithful.

He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, '...so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground...' But his master answered him, '...take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 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.

**Matthew 25:24a , 25a, 26a, 28-29 ESV**

### 4. Don't bury it.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Isaiah 41:10 NIV**

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