

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Many times when Jesus spoke He told stories. Stories of how to live, how to love, and how to honor God. Let's unpack these simple stories together to discover how to maximize our lives in God's Kingdom.

Parable: A simple story STORY to illustrate how life in God's KINGDOM works.

Matthew 25:14-28 (ESV)

What is a talent?

Talent = 75 lb gold

20 years wages

Three Talent Takeaways:

1. All were given something according to their ABILITY.
2. The servants had been around the master long enough to UNDERSTAND how the master operated.
3. If you are FAITHFUL with what you are given, you can be TRUSTED with more.

What about your talents?

1. What's in your HAND?
2. What do you PRACTICE?
3. When should you START?

Discussion Questions

- 1)** What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2)** Read the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-28. What does this parable teach us about God and His character?
- 3)** Examine your life. What do you think are some of your own God-given talents and abilities? What has God entrusted to you? Have you buried the gifts or multiplied the gifts He's given you?
- 4)** What are some "what ifs" that are stopping you from stepping into faithfulness? How can you take a step of obedience towards investing your time, talent, and resources in eternal purposes?
- 5)** If you had unlimited resources, what would you do? What would you attempt if you knew you wouldn't fail?
- 6)** Share one of the biggest risks you have ever taken in life. How did it turn out? What step is God calling you to make right now? What are you afraid of?