

HOLD FAST

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MATTHEW 25:14–30

“For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.

A TALENT

- Worth about 15 years' worth of labor wages

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¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents immediately went and did business with them, and earned five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way the one who had received the two talents earned two more. ¹⁸ But he who received the one talent went away and dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

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¹⁹ “Now after a long time the master of those slaves *came and *settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents.’

MATTHEW 25:14-30

²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.'

²² "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have earned two more talents.'

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²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.' ²⁴ "Now the one who had received the one talent also came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed.

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²⁵ And I was afraid, so I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you still have what is yours.' ²⁶ "But his master answered and said to him, 'You worthless, lazy slave! Did you know that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter seed?'

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²⁷ Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. ²⁸ Therefore: take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'

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²⁹ “For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. ³⁰ And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

GALATIANS 6:7-9

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.

REVELATION 21:8

“But for the cowardly, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and sexually immoral persons, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

HEBREWS 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let's hold firmly to our confession.

HEBREWS 4:14-16

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as we are, yet without sin.

HEBREWS 4:14-16

¹⁶ Therefore let's approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of our need.