



Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

1. Given Divine _____

If you have breath in your lungs and a beating heart, you have been gifted by God to do something. However great or minor you believe your roll, it is God's charge to you that you invest what you have to bring forth spiritual fruit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 ~ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

2. Bearing Personal _____

As a steward of the grace of Christ, you are entrusted to put it to work in the lives of others. You are responsible for how you use all the moments of life that God has given you.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 ~ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

3. Receiving God's _____

The day will come when the Master will return and dispense His promised rewards. To the faithful, God will show Himself to be a gracious and generous Master who will share His very kingdom with all who have done His will.

Colossians 3:23-24 ~ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

4. Facing God's _____

How you view God will dictate how you respond to His command. Unfaithful abandonment of God's investment will lead to a day of reckoning from the Master of all creation.

Hebrews 6:8 ~ But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

Revelation 22:12

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done."



Parable of the Talents Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Ephesians 4:7-8

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

Isaiah 50:4

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

James 4:17

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Matthew 6:3-4

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Hebrews 11:26

He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

Jude 1:12-13

These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

2 Thessalonians 1:9

They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.