

The Value of a Talent 3 The Believer Reward!

Matthew 25:28-29 (NLT) *“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.”*

Luke 19:24-26 (NLT) *“Then, turning to the others standing nearby, the king ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.’ “‘But, master,’ they said, ‘he already has ten pounds!’ “‘Yes,’ the king replied, ‘and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.”*

In context, Jesus is teaching a principle about faithful stewardship of what God entrusts to people — not merely money, but responsibility, opportunity, truth, gifts, influence, and faith itself.

I. This parable is both immediate and eternal!

1 Timothy 4:8 (NLT) *“Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”*

Godliness: g2150. εὐσέβεια eusebeia; from 2152; piety; specially, the gospel scheme: — godliness, holiness.

Mark 4:24-25 (NASB 2020) *And He was saying to them, “Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”*

II. Negative Side of Inactivity!

Luke 19:24-26 (NLT) *...But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.*

Matthew 25:28 (NASB 2020) *Therefore: take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’*

Now, is Jesus the one who is doing the “taking away”? And are these present blessings or future blessings?

In this parable itself, yes — the master (representing Christ) is the one issuing the judgment. The Father has entrusted judgment to the Son, and Christ is the one who evaluates people at the end.

John 5:22 (NASB 2020) *For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,*

So, in the future/accountability sense of Luke 19, yes — Jesus is the acting judge.

Present forfeiture:

Matthew 13:12 (NASB 2020) *For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.*

Matthew 13:18-19 (NASB 2020) *...When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown with seed beside the road.*

Doing Nothing with what was given! 2 Timothy 2:15 (NASB 2020) *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

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