

The Value of a Talent

Matthew 25:14-15 (NASB 2020) *"For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. 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.*

Overall Timeline Summary

Chapter	Location	Time	Main Focus
Matthew 22	Temple in Jerusalem	Tuesday	Public debates/confrontation
Matthew 23	Temple	Tuesday	Judgment on Pharisees
Matthew 24	Mount of Olives	Tuesday evening	Prophecy/end times
Matthew 25	Mount of Olives	Same discourse	Readiness/judgment

Parable of the Ten Virgins (25:1–13) Theme: Be spiritually prepared for Christ's return.

Parable of the Talents (25:14–30) Theme: Faithful stewardship while awaiting the King.

I. God distributes the gifts

Matthew 25:15 (NASB 2020) *To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one...*

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NASB 2020) *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be unaware.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NLT) *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.*

Romans 12:6 (NLT) *In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.*

II. Responsibility according to our abilities

Matthew 25:15 (NASB 2020) *To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability;*

1 Corinthians 12:12-18 (NLT) *The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Vs. 18...But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.*

1 Corinthians 12:20-23 (NLT) *Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care.*

1 Corinthians 12:26-27 (NLT) *If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.*

Romans 12:4-8 (NASB 2020) *For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body's parts do not have the same function,...So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.*

Luke 12:48 (NLT) *...When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.*

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NASB 2020) *No temptation has overtaken you except something common to mankind; and God is faithful, so He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.*

This verse speaks to the fact that God faithfully knows our capacity and never calls us to steward anything without also providing the grace necessary to endure, obey, and remain faithful. God will never ask you to do something He has not equipped you to do!

Exodus 31:1–6 (NASB 2020) *Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, to create artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, so as to perform in every inventive work. And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab... and in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you.*

