

Use It Or Lose It

Matthew 25:14-30

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- ▶ If You Have A Talent And You Don't Use It
You Will Lose It

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- ▶ The Master Is Christ
- ▶ We Are The Servants
- ▶ The Talents Are Things We Possess

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- ▶ This Parable Teaches:
- ▶ *The Necessity Of Continual Ongoing Preparation And Diligence In Our Present Work And Service Unto Christ And His Kingdom*

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▶ READ: Matthew 25:14-30

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1. We All Have Different Gifts -- If We Don't Use Them, We Lose Them

- ▶ **(Rom 12:6a NIV)** We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

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- ▶ Our Talents Are:
 - ▶ Time
 - ▶ Abilities
 - ▶ Opportunities
 - ▶ Possessions
- ▶ ***Everything We Have In Life We Have Received From Christ***

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- ▶ **Even One Talent Is Worth A Lot**
- ▶ **Jesus Christ Has Given Us All That We Need To Accomplish His Will**
- ▶ **(2 Pet 1:3 NIV)** His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness

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- ▶ **Our Talents Are To Be Invested**
- ▶ Talents Become More Valuable As They Are Put Into Motion
- ▶ All Of Our Talents Great Or Small Belong In The Service Of God

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▶ **We All Have:**

- ▶ Different Amounts Of Gifts & Talents
- ▶ Different Kinds Of Gifts & Talents

▶ **God Has Given You:**

- ▶ Just What You Need
- ▶ Just What You Can Handle

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- ▶ **It Is Not The Amount Of Our Talents-- It's How We Use Them**
- ▶ God Expects Us To Use To The Full All That We Have
- ▶ If You Don't Use It, You Will Lose It

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2. The Account Was Settled

- ▶ When Jesus Comes:
 - ▶ He Will Reward Those Who Have Been Faithful
 - ▶ He Will Punish Those Who Have Been Unfaithful

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- ▶ We Have A Lot Work To Do For The Kingdom
- ▶ We Should Be Doing It Now
- ▶ We Do All To The Best Of Our Ability

- ▶ The Wise: Double Their Talents
- ▶ The Wise: Get Busy For The Kingdom

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- ▶ The More Talents You've Been Given --
The More You Ought To Be Doing!
- ▶ The Reward Of Work Well Done is:
 - ▶ More Important Work To Do
 - ▶ More Privilege
 - ▶ More Honor

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- ▶ When The Harvest Comes In --
You Don't Want To Stop Working
- ▶ It Is Sad To See:
 - ▶ People Who Bury Their Talents
 - ▶ People Who Wind Up In The Same Place They Started
 - ▶ People Who Say: "I Did Nothing"

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- ▶ There Will Come A Day To Give An Account Of What Have We Done With The Talents The Lord Has Given Us

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- ▶ Our Goal Is To Hear:
 - ▶ *'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'*

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3. The Only Punishment Is Given To Those Who Do Nothing

- ▶ Condemnation Is Reserved For Those Who Will Not Use Their Talent
- ▶ Never Develop Attitude That Says:
 - ▶ “I Am Going To Do As Little As I Can”
 - ▶ “I Am Going To Squeak By”

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- ▶ **The Servant Who Did Nothing :**
 - ▶ Didn't Know His Master
 - ▶ Instead Of Doing Something -- He Did Nothing
- ▶ **Today There Are Many People Who:**
 - ▶ Don't Really Know God
 - ▶ Run Away From God
 - ▶ Work Against Him

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- ▶ Hard Thoughts Of God --
Stop Us From *Moving Ahead* In Him
- ▶ The Lazy Servant Is Blaming His Own
Empty Efforts On God

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- ▶ If We Trust That He Is A Good
 - ▶ We Do What We Can Do
 - ▶ He Will Do The Rest
- ▶ The Call To Us Is --
The Call To Invest In The Kingdom
- ▶ Don't Bury Your Talents --
Use Them For The Kingdom

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- ▶ **(2 Tim 1:6 NIV)** For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

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- ▶ **The Two-Part Question:**
 - ▶ *What Talents Has God Given You?*
 - ▶ *How Are You Using Them For The Kingdom Of God?*