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John 14:30 AMP

I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of the world (Satan) is coming. And he has no claim on Me [no power over Me nor anything that he can use against Me]

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Types of Sin

1. Pride (Self-confidence)	Peter
2. Greed (Love of money)	Judas
3. Lust (Romance/Sex)	Amnon
4. Sloth (Unproductive)	
5. Anger (Injustice)	
6. Gluttony (Over-consumption)	
7. Envy (Consumerism)	

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Sloth

The word "sloth" is a translation of the Latin term *acedia* which means "without care". Spiritually, *acedia* means to become indifferent to our duties and obligations to God.



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Laziness

Causes: Sleep deprivation, raging hormones, malnutrition, depression, and stress



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Romans 12:11

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord



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John 2:17

His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."



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Matthew 25

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.



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Matthew 25

17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.



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20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'



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Matthew 25

24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'



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Matthew 25

26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.



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Matthew 25

28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



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Immunity From Sloth

1. God calls and judges individually



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Relationship with Individuals

- 1. Money was given according to ability
- 2. Master judged each servant individually
- 3. Master expected servants to work individually
- 4. Individual nominal reward



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Talent Is A Lot of Money

Talents in Dollars¹

Talent = 6,000 Denarii

1 Denarius = 1 days wage ~ \$120 today

1 Talent = 6,000 Denarii = \$720,000



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What Did You Do?

“Remember, my hearer, that in the day of judgment thy account must be personal; God will not ask you what your church did – he will ask you what you did yourself.”

–Charles Spurgeon



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1-Talent Mindset

- 1. Master is a hard man
- 2. Reaping where he didn't sow
- 3. So I was afraid

Result:

I hid your talent in the ground



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Contributing Factors

- 1. Desiring a calling not your own
- 2. Early failures
- 3. Criticism and rejection



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- 3. Refocus and Reconnect to Repent



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Sins of Omission

The third servant did almost nothing with his master's money. He made some effort that it would not be lost by hiding it [focus on the negative], but he did nothing positive with his master's money.



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Colossians 1:29

29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.



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Talents Require Stewardship

Talents represent our resources such as time, money, abilities, calling and influence.

The first two servants:

- Did their work promptly.
- Did their work with perseverance.
- Did their work with success.

They were ready to give an account to their master.



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Focus on the Constructive

Reconnect Reconnect to God-given desires and opportunities we abandoned due to fear

Refocus Refocus away from being self-absorbed [focus on sin] into being Christ-absorbed

Slothfulness steals our excitement and joy in the calling God has for us.



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How to Overcome Sloth?

- Zealous** Romans 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord
- Imitate** Heb 6:12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- Awake** Eph 5:14..Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
- Power** 2 Tim 1:7 For God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control.



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