

TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** The Conversationalist  
**Message:** The Attitude of True Faith  
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<sup>21</sup> His master replied, '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!'

<sup>22</sup> The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

<sup>23</sup> His master replied, '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!'

<sup>24</sup> Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

<sup>26</sup> His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

<sup>28</sup> 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Matthew 25:14–30 (NIV)

**Being ruthlessly honest, which servant do I most resemble right now? Why do I think this?**

Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)

**What is one thing I can do this week that will increase my faithfulness to God?**

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Matthew 25:14–18 (NIV)

**talent (def): resources entrusted to me by God**

**Talents represent the gifts, abilities, and opportunities I have to use for God's work.**

**The key focus of His work is through His church.**

<sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.  
Ephesians 4:15–16 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.  
Matthew 28:19–20 (NLT)

**The key attitude God is looking for is faithfulness.**

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1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)

**The first two servants focused on excellence.**

**The third servant focused on excuses.**

**When it comes to my devotion, evidenced by my prayers and actions, would my Heavenly Father greet me with "Well done"?**

**What will I do today to grow in my faithfulness?**