

Memory Verse:

***"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."
Colossians 3:23 / ESV***



"If God evaluated your life tonight, would He find faithfulness—or just potential?"

Parable Of The Talents:

Matthew 25:14-19 *"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. **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."*

Interpretation Connection: *Matthew 25:13, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

Main Theme: Be ready by waiting (Matthew 25:1-13) and by working (Matthew 25:14-30)

+Waiting is about an attitude of alertness for living in a way that honors the Lord, even when nobody is watching.

+ Working is about an action of availability in serving God's purposes.

Key Thought: *Waiting and watching produce an incredible opportunity for both belief and balance.*

Application:

1. *God is the owner and we are the manager 14-15*
2. *Be faithful to maximize the opportunity He gives you 16-18*
3. *Live in light of the coming evaluation 19*

Discussion Questions:



Luke's Account:

1. *Please take a moment to reread Matthew 25:13. Why is this verse significant for interpreting this parable?*
2. *Although the mention of the word "talent" refers to a monetary figure to be invested, how does God want you to apply this concept to your life? (Think of your talent as spiritual opportunities, giftedness, and blessings)*