

Memory Verse:

**"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."
John 12:26 / ESV**



According to John 12:26 what does it mean to serve the Lord?

**Stay on point of the questions provided*

Parable Of The Talents:

Session 22 | Parable of Talents Part Two | Matthew 25:19-30

Main Theme: According to God, wasting your opportunity to serve God's purposes is a great tragedy.

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Key: Servant :

A servant (doulos) means willing serving

A talent was a monetary unit worth about twenty years' wages for a laborer

Application:**1. Grace gives time—but judgment sets a date. v:19**

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2. God's kingdom economy allows for a return on faithfulness 20-23

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3. When you see God wrongly, you will live wrongly. 24-25

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4. Our greatest tragedy is not failing—it's never truly following 26-30

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Discussion Questions:

1. *Based on the master's response, how would you define a "faithful servant," and how does this contrast with the servant who was deemed "worthless"?*
2. *What are the "talents" (gifts, resources, time) God has entrusted to you specifically, and how are you currently investing or using them?*
3. *What does it mean to "share in your master's happiness"?*