

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

While Jesus was teaching about the kingdom of heaven, he told them this parable of the Talents.

A man was going on a journey that would keep him away for a long period of time. He called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five talents, two to another, to another, one; to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The man who had received five talents went immediately and traded with them and made five more. The one who was given two talents also made two more.

But the one who received only one talent went off to the fields, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Then one with five talents brought another five and said, 'Master, I have made five more talents.'

When the master finally returned back, he called the servants to settle accounts with them.

'Well done, good and trustworthy servant, as you have been faithful in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'

The one with the two talents came forward

'Master, you handed me two talents, see I have made two more.'

Well done, you have been faithful with a few things, I will make you responsible for many more.

Then the man who had received one talent came.

'Master, I know you are a harsh man, so I was afraid and hid your money in the ground. Here is what is yours.'

You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter. Why then did you not put my money in the bank? Then I could have collected it with interest.

So take the talent from him and give to the one with ten. And throw this worthless servant outside, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'But, Master,' the servant has enough already.'

Yes, but to those who use well, to what they have, even more will be given. But to those who are unfaithful, even what little they have will be taken away.

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