

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

The Point of the Story: Be faithful with what Jesus has entrusted to you.

The Details of the Story:

Everything belongs to the Master (v. 14).

The Master entrusted each servant with an extremely valuable gift (v. 15).

The Master entrusts His servants with *different* gifts, amounts of money, abilities, treasures, etc. (v. 15).

The Master expects you to be faithful with everything He has given you whether it is a little or a lot (v. 15).

The Master doesn't want you to wait to use what He has entrusted to you (v. 16).

Faithful servants must learn how to effectively use what the Master entrusts to them (v. 16).

Faithfulness to the Master will eventually lead to fruitfulness (v. 17).

The Master is coming back (v. 19).

The servant will have to answer to the Master for what he did with what was entrusted to him (v. 19).

The Master is pleased with, honored by, glorified by, approves of, and rewards faithfulness (vv. 21, 23).

Ultimate, lasting joy comes when we are doing what the Master asks us to do (v. 21, 23).

One's faithfulness to follow the Master's wishes reveals one's faith in the Master (v. 21, 23).

The rewards are equal for servants who have been faithful no matter how much they were given to begin with (v. 21, 23).

It is possible to be deceived into thinking that you really know and have a lasting relationship with the Master (v. 27).

Our outward actions always reveal our inward beliefs and attitudes toward the Master (v. 27).

Rejecting the Master's gift is like rejecting the Master (v. 27).

You can be a part of the Master's plan or you can bury it in the ground (v. 27).

If you're not going to use and make eternal investments with what the Master has entrusted to you, then at the very least loan it to others who will use it (v. 27). And, you might as well loan it to them now, because it will eventually be given to them anyway (v. 28).

Faithfulness to the Master will yield great reward in the future (v. 29).

Unfaithfulness to the Master will result in judgment (v. 29, 30).

If you do nothing with the gifts that the Master entrusts to you it may be an indication that you were never saved (v. 30).

Know what God has entrusted to you:

Salvation. Gospel. Message of Reconciliation

Money, Stuff, and Possessions.

Abilities and spiritual gifts

Children

Your Marriage

Time

Determine how you are going to use what God has entrusted to you AND THEN DO IT!

I, _____, desire to be faithful with what God has entrusted to me.

Therefore, I will...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.