

Don't Take It To the Grave!

(Unearthing and Releasing Your Purpose)

Matthew 25:14-30;42-46
(AMPC)



14 For it is like a man who was about to take a long journey, and he called his servants together and entrusted them with his property.

15 To one he gave five talents [probably about \$5,000], to another two, to another one—to each in proportion to his own personal ability. Then he departed and left the country.

16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he gained five talents more.

17 And likewise he who had received the two talents—he also gained two talents more.



18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.



20 And he who had received the five talents came and brought him five more, saying, Master, you entrusted to me five talents; see, here I have gained five talents more.



20 And he who had received the five talents came and brought him five more, saying, Master, you entrusted to me five talents; see, here I have gained five talents more.

21 His master said to him, Well done, you upright (honorable, admirable) and faithful servant! You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little; I will put you in charge of much. Enter into and share the joy (the delight, the blessedness) which your master enjoys.



22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, Master, you entrusted two talents to me; here I have gained two talents more.

23 His master said to him, Well done, you upright (honorable, admirable) and faithful servant! You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little; I will put you in charge of much. Enter into and share the joy (the delight, the blessedness) which your master enjoys.



24 He who had received one talent also came forward, saying, Master, I knew you to be a harsh and hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you had not winnowed [the grain].

25 So I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.

Here you have what is your own.

26 But his master answered him, You wicked and lazy and idle servant! Did you indeed know that I reap where I have not sowed and gather [grain] where I have not winnowed?



27 Then you should have invested my money with the bankers,
and at my coming I would have received what was my own with
interest.

28 So take the talent away from him and give it to the one who
has the ten talents.

29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will be
furnished richly so that he will have an abundance; but from the
one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away.

30 And throw the good-for-nothing servant into the outer
darkness; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

42 For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty
and you gave Me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me and entertain
Me, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in
prison and you did not visit Me with help and ministering care.

44 Then they also [in their turn] will answer, Lord, when did
we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in
prison, and did not minister to You?



45 And He will reply to them, Solemnly I declare to you,
in so far as you failed to do it for the least [in the
estimation of men] of these, you failed to do it for Me.

46 Then they will go away into eternal punishment, but
those who are just and upright and in right standing with
God into eternal life.



Inaction with your gift is
inaction with your King. What
you withhold from the
community, you withhold from
Christ.



1. **EVALUATION (VS. 14-18;42-43)**
2. **EXCLUSION (VS. 24-27; 44-45)**
3. **EXECUTION (VS. 19-23;28-30;46)**



EVALUATION (VS. 14-18;42-43)

- GIFTS GIVEN IN PROPORTION TO EACH PERSON'S ABILITY (VS. 15)
- 5 TALENTS USED GAINED FIVE MORE (16)
- 2 TALENTS USED GAINED TWO MORE (17)
- ONE TALENT BURIED LOST THE ONE HE HAD! (18)
- GOAT'S RESPONSE: SOME PEOPLE AREN'T WORTHY OF MY TIME OR GIFT. (VS. 42-43)



EXCLUSION (24-27;44-45)

- **WRONG VIEW OF THE MASTER (VS. 24)**
- **FEAR CREATES YOUR HIDING YOUR GIFT(S) (vs. 25)**
 - God has not given you the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind". (2 Tim. 1:7)
- **WHAT GOD THINKS ABOUT YOU WHEN YOU DON'T USE YOUR GIFT (VS. 26 AND VS. 41)**
 - **WICKED, LAZY, IDLE**
 - **CURSED - BEGONE FROM ME!**



EXECUTION (19-23, 28-30; 46)

- THERE WILL BE AN ACCOUNTING (VS. 19)
 - 2 Cor.5:10 For we must all appear and be revealed as we are before the judgment seat of Christ, so that **each one may receive [his pay] according to what he has done in the body**, whether good or evil [**considering what his purpose and motive have been**, and **what he has achieved**, **been busy with**, and **given himself and his attention to accomplishing**].
- REWARDS TO THOSE WHO DON'T BURY THEIR GIFT
 - VS. 21 WELL DONE -UPRIGHT, HONORABLE, ADMIRABLE AND FAITHFUL SERVANT...ENTER INTO ADN SHARE THE JOY YOUR MASTER ENJOYS!



EXECUTION (19-23, 28-30; 46)

- vs. 23: Well done! Share the delight, the blessedness your Master enjoys!
- vs. 29 To the one who has much..much more will be given: will be furnished richly and have an abundance
- But to the one who does not have, what you do have will be taken from you.
- We don't use our gift just for Jesus we use our gift(s) TO JESUS.



USING OUR GIFTS IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST WORSHIP ACTIONS TO JESUS!

The Kingdom does not reward good intentions or buried potential. It rewards execution. God is not going to judge you based on the ministry you meant to start, the check you meant to write, or the person you meant to help. He looks for active execution of the grace placed inside you.

