

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

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Main Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

- **Matthew 24:3** The disciples ask Jesus about the signs of His coming and the end of the age.
- **Matthew 25:14–18** Jesus tells the parable of the talents, teaching about stewardship, responsibility, and readiness for His return.

1. Watchfulness and Readiness

• **Matthew 24:42, 44** – Be alert and ready, for the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect.

2. Accountability to the Master

• **Matthew 25:19–26** – The master returns to settle accounts; faithfulness is rewarded, while laziness and fear are judged.

3. Principle of Increase

• **Matthew 25:29** – To those who are faithful with what they have, more will be given. Those who are unfaithful lose what little they have.

Stewardship

- **Genesis 39:8** Joseph refuses to sin against God, showing integrity and faithfulness.
- 1 Corinthians 4:2, 7 Stewards are required to be found faithful; all we have is received from God.
- Luke 16:10 Faithfulness in little things proves readiness for greater responsibility.
- 1 Peter 4:10 Each one of us should use our gift(s) to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace.