

Women Of Destiny

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Dig it Up!



Scripture: Matt. 25: 14-29 (The Parable of the Talents)

Talents represent strengths, skills and abilities God gives to people. Some abilities we're born with, while others are learned and developed over time.

Pastor Paul often says, "The cemetery is one of the richest places on earth. It's filled with those who died with their dreams buried inside of them."

Verse 15 The servants were given different amounts of money according to their **ability**.

- possession of the means or skill to do something.

God always gives us everything we need to do what he has called us to do.

It takes just as much work for the five-talent servant to produce five more talents as it does the two-talent servant to produce two more talents. This is why the reward given by the master is the same.

Verse 25 *"I was **afraid** and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours."*

Greek word: phobeō meaning to fear, be afraid of one; to fear (i.e. hesitate) to do something (for fear of harm)

What are you afraid of?

- **Apathy:** an emotional disconnect from life in general and suffering in particular
- **Insignificance:** too small or unimportant to be worth consideration
- **Comparison:** *“There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”* Num. 13:33
- **Fear of failure**
- **Fear of success**
- **Being shy or introverted**
- **Rejection**
- **Too old/young**

Whatever his motive, this servant took the path of least resistance and simply did nothing instead of fulfilling his role of a servant.

Song: Ordinary People by Danniebelle Hall

Just ordinary people

God uses ordinary people

He chooses people just like me and you who are willing to do what He command

God uses people that will gave him all

No matter how small your all may seems to you

Because little becomes much as you place it in the Master's hand...

Just like that little lad who gave Jesus all He had

How the multitude was fed with the fish and the loaves of bread

What you have may not seem much but when you yield it to the touch of the master's loving hand Then you'll understand how your life could never be the same

Verse 26 – *“You wicked and lazy servant...”*

This servant chose to do literally nothing with his given talent. You will someday be held accountable for your contributions, or lack thereof.

Like the first and second servant, we should recognize the opportunities we receive, and make the most of them. Even seemingly small blessings can make a big difference when properly handled.

We don't want to be “wicked, lazy” D.I.V.A.S. Beloved, It's time to be about the Father's business.