

Parable of the Talents

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Big idea: Pleasing the Lord as we await His return.

1. Everyone gets equal trust and opportunity.

- God never demands from us anything which we have not received from Him.
- Immediately (*at once*) – without hesitation shows an eagerness to obey.
- The talents can represent: abilities, gifts, knowledge, finances, etc.

2. Everyone is expected to seize your opportunities.

- “Presupposed in the parable is the truth that Jesus’ followers joyfully recognize their role and respond as slaves with gratitude to improve their master’s assets.” D.A. Carson
- The wicked servant thought the job was too difficult.

3. Everyone will be evaluated based on their efforts and attitudes.

- God sees right through the slave’s cheesy excuses and ours too!
- If you call yourself a servant of the Lord; you don’t have the right to withdraw your services from the Lord.
- In the end, the two used there opportunity to serve the Lord and proved the sincerity of their salvation.
- Nobody can accuse Jesus of being unclear! Use it or lose it.

Application:

- 1) What do you do with the privilege(s) you have?
- 2) Would I be doing things differently if it were up to me?
- 3) What would those closest to me say my ministry is?