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- God reveals the information
- Man listens and believes or not
- Man obeys or disobeys
- God rewards or punishes



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to Serve Him*

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- The Parable of the Talents – information
- Facts given in the parable
 - The master preparing for his trip

Matthew 25:14

(NKJV)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.”

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 - Master distributes the talents to his servants
 - Master leaves on the trip

Matthew 25:15

(NKJV)

“And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.”

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 - The work of the servants

Matthew 25:16

(NKJV)

“Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.”

Matthew 25:17

(NKJV)

“And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.”

Matthew 25:18

(NKJV)

“But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money.”

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 - Master returns, hears the report from servants and reacts

Matthew 25:19 – 21

(NKJV)

“After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”

Matthew 25:22, 23

(NKJV)

“He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”

Matthew 25:24 – 30

(NKJV)

“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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 - God gives us the abilities we have

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1 Peter 4:10

(NKJV)

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

1 Corinthians 12:11

(NKJV)

“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

Ephesians 4:7 – 11

(NKJV)

“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore He says: ‘When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.’ ...And He Himself gave some to be...”

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1 Peter 4:10, 11

(NKJV Pew Bible, pg.)

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Romans 12:4 – 8

(NKJV)

“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

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 - Excuses will not work
 - “I can’t do anything?”
 - “I can’t do everything?”
 - “_____ is better at it than me.”
 - “I will when _____.”
 - “I can’t talk about religious things.”
 - “I don’t know all the answers.”

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- A day of reckoning is coming
 - Excuses will not work
 - Doing our best on any given day is all that God demands

Colossians 3:23, 24

(NKJV)

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

1 Peter 3:15

(NKJV)

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”

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- Are you obeying/using your abilities?
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What is your decision?