

7 Powerful Principles

from "The Parable of the Talents" Mathew 25:14-30

EVERYTHING I HAVE BELONGS TO GOD.

Matthew 25:14 Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

2. GOD HAS GIVEN ME SOME TALENTS.

Matthew 25:15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability."

3. GOD EXPECTS ME TO USE THOSE GIFTS.

Romans 12:6 We each have been given different gifts, according to the grace given us.

Someday God will ask you: *What did you do with what you were given?*

4. IT IS WRONG TO BURY WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME.

Matthew 25:16-18 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Matthew 25:26-27 The Master's reaction "wicked, lazy servant"

5. FEAR KEEPS ME FROM USING MY TALENT.

Matthew 25:25 I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground.

Three kinds of fear: *self doubt, self pity, self consciousness*

6. IF I DON'T USE IT, I WILL LOSE IT.

Matthew 25:28 Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents.

IF I USE IT WISELY, I WILL BE REWARDED.

Matthew 25:23 His Master replied, "Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things-- I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!"

Three rewards: *affirmation, promotion, celebration*

Matthew 6:20 Store up for yourselves treasure in heaven.

My Decision(s) Today:

My (God's) Talent...

My (God's) Time...

My (God's) Money...