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Matthew 25:14 King James Version

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.



The “Kingdom of Heaven,” is **as a man** traveling into a far country who called his own servants. So, in this wise we see that service is required of us, as we serve the master builder to continue the work of the “Kingdom of Heaven.”

The true servant of God has talents distributed to him according to ability that he has shown or operates in when needed. As we operate in those talents; God is looking for honesty, truth, love, and righteousness to be a part of his dwelling in His presence. All talents are well distributed according to ability. For God will not put upon you more than He has given you the ability to do.

That which is placed upon man’s shoulders is of Christ. He is the one traveling into a far country as scripture indicates in the time of departure and His returning appearance. This is the time frame while He is now in Heaven, between His first coming and His final return.

There are **three types of servants** who are entrusted with various tasks according to their God given ability. Because this is based on ability; not all will produce the same results as we all are to be faithful with what we have that God has entrusted unto us.

Let us look at the rest of the scriptures pertaining to these talents.

Matthew 25:15 King James Version

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.** ¹⁶ **Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.** ¹⁷ **And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.** ¹⁸ **But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

The talents are distributed through **several abilities** of the three men combined and have been spoken of anything from money that is invested to whatever God has given you the ability to work with in ministry to win souls. Here I believe it is referring to ability to invest in winning souls since God has no need for money. What

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you do with that talent is most important because it will say whether or not you have been faithful unto God's will for your life.

So, we see that the first man went and invested or traded to double his investment with winning souls with whatever he was equipped to do. In other words, he went to work **using the talent** given to him to help progress God's kingdom in his life. That which he invested into souls, brought in more souls to increase the kingdom.

Even money as you earn it you want to invest it into your life to bring increase of a better life. But again, that points to self-will doing what you want to do thinking it all belongs to you to do with what you want. This is the same principle in which all businesses work. You are hired to invest your time in the company of what you know to do according to **your abilities**. This is no different in God as we invest time in His work to win souls according to our abilities.

Now the next man, also invested what he had according to ability and also doubled his investment. You can never get increase without investing your time, your effort and your God given ability in that which is important to your business or life in God. In God, we are surrounded with His spirit of life and we have been endowed with the powerful traits of God's spirit and authority in the earth to serve Him.

The one who received just one talent did the worst thing he could do with it. He hid it in the earth and did not try to develop it at all. It is the same as doing nothing with your life while you live. You don't want to learn how to develop a skill, you cannot work because of lack of skillful training on a job. Selfish-will; doing what you want to do, shuts you down from increase in God's abundant life for you to live.

You cannot gain on what you have not invested into your life. You put nothing into your life you cannot get anything good out of your life. You are not asked to give what you do not have of your own. The talent was for investment only; it was never meant to just throw it away or hide it in the earth hoping for an increase. When we are hired for labor; you are to bring increase so that all can be productive.

This same principle works with a household. If you waste or hide everything you needed for survival, you will not have anything to live off when you are hungry, tired, and broke.

All of these talents are describing the **types of men in the earth**, and how they will either be productive and provide for the household or they will waste and hide the things needed to care for the family.

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The third servant who hid his talent; look at what God speaks unto him because when he wastes and hides out of fear he is of no profitable good to the kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 25:24 King James Version

*²⁴ Then **he which had received the one talent** came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: ²⁵ And **I was afraid**, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. ²⁶ His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: ²⁷ Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. ²⁸ Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. ²⁹ For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.*

The first mistake he makes is misjudging his master as a hard man then making **excuses** as to why he did not do anything with the talent given unto him. He goes from bold accusation to fear. We all know that God has not given us a spirit of fear. That comes on when we have done something wrong and know we did not do what we were commanded to do with our abilities from God. This fear is triggered by disobedience. You are not afraid of God, but you are afraid of what He might do as a consequence for your actions.

From here we see Jesus explain that to everyone that has invested his talent or God given ability shall be given more abundant life. From him that has wasted and not invested into his life his eternal life shall be taken away in Heaven as he has wasted his talent on meaningless things that did not profit his soul. If you truly love the Lord, you will worship and serve Him with all your heart.

Matthew 25:30 King James Version

³⁰ And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

If you cannot invest into your life here while you are living by serving God; there will not be any more time to get it together. You waste your life here that is it. Your talent is your life and ability to keep you going in the right direction following Christ as you discipline yourself to do and follow His Word.

So, you do not have a lifetime to live your life the way you want to. We are not given that option on the table of life. We are all here for purpose to follow Jesus into

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completing the work of the Kingdom of Heaven for our soul. The **earthen part** relies on our ability to follow in obedience to help carry His work into perfection as we lead by example the lost souls back unto the Kingdom of Heaven.

This man misjudged the master without even knowing Him. He was hired to come into the company of believers to use his talent not to criticize as to why he did not do the job as expected of his talent.

Men you are important to God's work in the earth. You carry a very vital part of His creation in your life. So, this parable of the talents expresses the importance of faithful service during the absence of our Lord and Savior who will return soon and bring our reward with Him.

Matthew 16:27 King James Version ²⁷ For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

During **David's** life we see that he displayed many talents and abilities of God in His life. His name means beloved. His character was humble, yet brave as he killed animals that came after the sheep. He never gave up on the job saying I quit; it is too hard for me to do.

He was a psalmist who sang sacred songs before the presence of the Lord as he was led by the spirit of God. He loved to praise the presence of the Lord in His life. His whole life was based upon his praise and worship of the true and living God. Even though he committed sin, David still was a man who sought God's will. Even as a sinner, he was willing to repent and ask God's forgiveness to pardon of his sin and to follow God's leadership no matter what under personal relationship. David was the first man allowed to come directly into God's presence in the inner sanctuary which was the Holy of Holies bearing sin, to ask forgiveness. He knew he was already dead without forgiveness as all disobedience brings spiritual death. He had nothing else to lose if eternal life was lost with broken fellowship in God. David's walk was not perfect with God but his always recognizing sin in his own life and asking God to remove it and give him a better way to walk made all the difference. He always prayed directly to God.

Psalms 51:10 King James Version – Read whole Psalm as a prayer for cleansing. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

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King David set the standard that was set for every king of Judah after him. Many notable names spoke of him and the character he displayed with all virtues that were desirable of a king.

David always took God seriously in His life. He knew that God was his only protection from the chaos of this world.

No other man has come before God in such a way asking forgiveness for sin until Christ lived and carried our sin to the cross as we turn from the ways of the world. Now all may come under an open heaven wearing the robe of righteousness worn by Christ.

So, the Kingdom of God sets the standard to enter the Kingdom of Heaven while both demand the same standard of righteousness in God for it all to come together in eternal life for us. God's inherent nature and beauty that brings us into His standard of life is "His Rest," for our soul.

So, as we under salvation, serve His true righteousness under forgiven grace, we are accepting the standard that is required under His holiness to enter eternal life with Him. No one will live a separate eternal apart from Him but the unrighteous soul who refuses to surrender, and so enters eternal judgement for their sin under selfwill in Hell.

King David's next words after he said, "Renew a right spirit within me," are these words.

Psalm 51:11 King James Version-

¹¹ **Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.** We can all learn from David's approach to life in God because he served in all sincerity from his heart. He knew you could not have one part of God without the other. He went for the main prize which is true salvation from the heart.

His eyes were set on the prize at the end of suffering in this life which was Heaven and rest for His soul.

Revelation 21:4 King James Version

⁴ **And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.**

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In the Spirit of God, we can always see more clearly than through these natural eyes of the flesh.

God is the hidden treasure of His field of life.

Father God,

Thank you for being my strength every step of the way while in this body of earth. Your living Word is more precious to me than gold or silver or material things. You are offering us rest in the time of chaos and unrest in this life. Please give me a clean heart and a right spirit of your truth to guide me in your wisdom as I give my life to walk with you. Heal me, that I be not cast away from thy presence. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Lord, give my tongue the power to sing aloud your praises rather than to complain about me. Your way of truth has broken my spirit and given me a higher call upon my life for your namesake. I surrender my heart completely to you this day; in the mighty name of Jesus I pray. Amen

(Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.)



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