

The Parable of the Talents

- I. Going on a Journey
 - A. Matthew 25:14
 - B. Jesus is connecting back to the previous verse that was talking about his return.
 - C. Jesus has entrusted his servants with his property.
 - D. We are his servants. The Church is His property.

- II. Abilities
 - A. Matthew 25:15
 - B. His servants were given different amounts based on their abilities.
 - C. We do not compete to see who can save the most souls. We do our best with the ability we have.
 - D. Matthew 13:23 – Jesus mentions this when discussing the Parable of the Sower.

- III. Using the Talents
 - A. Matthew 25:16-17 – The first servants get to work.
 - B. Matthew 25:18 – The third servant buries the talent.
 - C. We've been entrusted with the gospel.
 - D. What are we doing with it?

- IV. Return
 - A. Matthew 25:19 – The master returns to settle up with his servants.
 - B. Matthew 25:20-23 – The first servants report their production and are rewarded.
 - C. Matthew 25:24-25 – The last returns the talent he buried.
 - D. Matthew 25:26-28 – The master is unhappy and punishment follows.

- V. Reaping
 - A. John 4:36-38 – The prophets sowed, the disciples reaped.
 - B. 1 Corinthians 3:5-7 – We play different roles.
 - C. The key is to do something. The Lord has entrusted us with his property.
 - D. What are we doing with it?