

Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25: 14-30

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Nevertheless, God's solid
foundation stands firm,
sealed with this
inscription: "The Lord
knows those who are his,"
and, "Everyone who
confesses the name of
the Lord must turn away
from wickedness."
2 Timothy 2:19

Verse 14 - 15

**The Master entrusts His possessions to
His Servants**

Disciple = a learner who accepts instruction
(*teachable*), and makes it his rule of
conduct

Jesus uses the word “*disciple*” to include all those
who follow Him and believe in Him

Talent = a weight, a coin, a sum of money
(*75 pounds of silver, 16 1/2-years wage*)

Talents were given – “*. . . each according to his
own ability*”

We are all different:

Different abilities, opportunities, genetics,
training, motivation, etc.

Different is ***GOOD!***

God has made us with endless variety!



You are responsible for using the abilities given to you, not to be compared with someone else

Satan, and our world, are all about comparing, making one feel inadequate and pathetic

DON'T TAKE THE BAIT OF SATAN!

Know who you are

Act like who you are

Be who you are in Christ!

You are special the way God created you!!

A child of the King and adored by your Father!

Verse 16 - 18

**How each servant handled what was
given to them**

What will you do with the talents, abilities and responsibilities God has given you?

Please notice:

The five-talent guy is not more important than the one-talent guy

All are equal at the foot of the cross

God does not play favorites

What is your mission? What is your responsibility?

First and foremost – to Know Him

**I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST
AND THE POWER OF HIS
RESURRECTION
AND THE FELLOWSHIP
OF SHARING IN HIS SUFFERINGS,
BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH,
AND SO, SOMEHOW,
TO ATTAIN TO THE RESURRECTION
FROM THE DEAD.**

PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11

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Secondly, to Represent Him

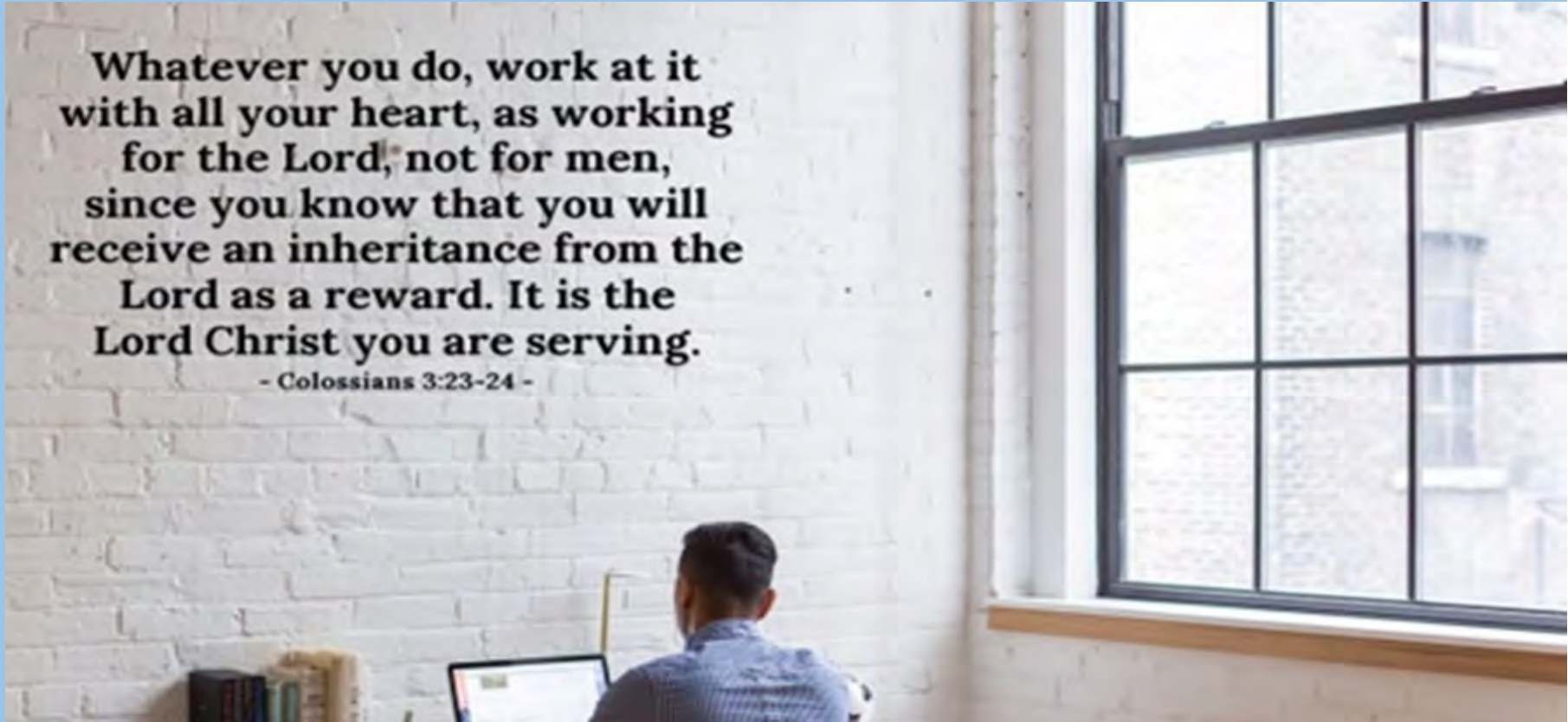
2 Corinthians 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

As ambassadors of Christ, we represent Him wherever we go - our home, work, team, relationships, every venue - WE REPRESENT OUR KING!!

Thirdly, to Work for Him

Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart, as working
for the Lord, not for men,
since you know that you will
receive an inheritance from the
Lord as a reward. It is the
Lord Christ you are serving.

- Colossians 3:23-24 -



The world we are immersed in must see the best you –
the best worker in the organization!

Verse 19 - 23

Account settling time - *the Faithful!*

Both of the faithful were productive!

Both were rewarded for their faithfulness

Both faithful servants made an amazing confession:

“Lord, you delivered to me”

The success they had comes from God, *period!*

The promise to the faithful is heartwarming:

“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.”

God is an overwhelmingly, generous rewarder!!

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.
Romans 11:33-36

Verse 24 - 25

Account settling time – *the Unfaithful excuses!*

This servant did not know the Lord, he did not have a relationship with the Lord

This guy showed no love for his master, whom he blamed for his situation

God is merciful and God is gracious, but hear this:

“God never condones irresponsibility; even those given less are obligated to use and develop what they have.” (Thomas Constable)

Verse 26 - 29

The Lord answers the Unfaithful servant

Jesus pulls no punches; He tells it like it is:

“You wicked and lazy servant”

This guy was true to himself, followed his heart and followed his gut, his feelings *(Uh Oh!)*

Our world blasts us with these words:

Follow your truth, follow your heart, be true to yourself, trust your feelings, etc.

This is world think, flesh think, and Satan think!

Trust in what God says is truth -

Proverbs 3: 5-6

Psalms 37: 5

DO NOT:

- Trust your flesh
- Trust your heart
- Be true to your heart

DO:

Be true to God and His Word - Jeremiah 17: 9

Should I trust my feelings?

Yes, if in line with Scripture

No, if in line with the world's ways

God has given you a conscience; listen to your conscience

Con = with

science = knowledge

There is an all out effort today to suppress truth!

Remember: The enemy of the lie is truth

Speak the truth!

Do not be silenced!!

Live not by lies!!!

One word of truth dispels a world of lies!

God is our source of truth; *everything must be filtered through the lens of Scripture!*

Verse 30

Cast from the presence of God

It seems that outer darkness and gnashing of teeth is a picture of hell and separation from God

This guy did not know his master!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

The one who was not working is viewed as not genuine

Real salvation results in real change in a person's life

Watch and be ready and work; do what God has called you to do

True believers represent their Master in all situations, no blending, no chameleons!



No one gets to heaven by being a little good or mostly good

One gets to heaven the Jesus way only – *believing and receiving the gift of salvation!*

Once received, then work, represent, and honor our Lord with our lives

It will be worth it all when we see Jesus and hear:

Matthew 25:21 NKJV[21] 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.'

The beauty of all of this is that He knows our potential, and He will not give you more than what you can handle.

The Lord was, and is, waiting for results in our lives!

The master of those servants is fair, righteous, and loving.

