

## **The Parable of Talents**

Matthew 25:14-30

# *Parables*

MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

## USE IT OR LOSE IT

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1. **Until Jesus comes again, we live as stewards of everything God grants us (vv. 14-18).**

*1 Corinthians 4:1, 6:19-20*

We work for the sake of the Master (vs. 14).

We are given according to our abilities (vs. 15).

We work with the Master's goods (vv. 16-18).

We have ample time to perform our duties (vs. 19).

2. **Until Jesus comes again, we live knowing our actions matter to God (vv. 19-30).**

*2 Corinthians 5:9-10*

God will ask us to answer for our actions (vs. 19).

God will not hear excuses for not serving Him (vv. 26-28).

The faithful receive greater blessedness and the joy of Christ (vv. 21,23).

The faithless lose what they had and their relationship with the Master (vv. 29-30).

# *Response*

## COMMUNION

Almost every Sunday we will offer Communion at the stations. This Sunday we will not be offering communion stations, we will be passing Communion and taking Communion together as a church body.

## GIVING

Normally, in our Elevation services we want to encourage you and your family to bring your offering prayerfully as your gift in worship to God to the buckets located at the stations. This Sunday we will be passing the offering after the message in our service.

## PRAYER

After the service, there will be prayer counselors in the back “Prayer Booth” to pray for any situation you may have. The world is not a perfect place, and we all have struggles. Make your requests known, and let someone pray with you this morning.

## MERCY CHALLENGE

There is a bucket located at each of the stations with cards that have various Good Samaritan deeds on them (Inspired by the parable in Luke 10). Consider taking one as part of the Mercy Challenge and see how God might use you to make a positive impact in our community.

