

" <u>Putting Your Talent to Use</u>" Matthew 25:14-30

Big Idea: Whatever God has entrusted to you, you must use it or lose it.

Talent: The unique set of resources God has entrusted to you

- 1. Every talent includes a <u>responsibility</u> from God. (Matthew 25:14-19)
- 2. Every talent invites <u>profitability</u> for God. (Matthew 25:20-27)
- 3. Every talent involves <u>accountability</u> to God. (Matthew 25:28-30)

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family and friends.

- 1. God will let you, (1) waste your life, or (2) spend your life on temporary things, or (3) invest your life in Him. Which one best describes your current reality?
- Scripture teaches that God owns it all and loans us all we have. Discuss how that affects your use of money, time, relationships, and hardships?
- 3. When God gives you a talent, the devil attaches a fear to it to keep you from using it for God. Discuss the three fears Pastor Jim mentioned. Discuss how you're overcoming them.
- 4. Whether you're a five-, two-, or one-talent person, God has invested uniquely in you. From v23, discuss why faithfulness is critical to fulfilling God's purpose.
- 5. Take 15 minutes to prayerfully complete the form at www.FreeShapeTest.com. At the bottom, include an email address of a friend or leader you can discuss the results with.

Memory Verse

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter the joy of your master."

Matthew 25:23 ESV