

Serving for Generations to Come

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1. _____ we have _____

A talent is anything God entrusts to us that can be used for His kingdom: our money, time, abilities, relationships, gifts, opportunities—and even interruptions.

2. We are not only saved _____; we are saved _____

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” [Eph. 2:10]

3. God _____ ask us to _____ what we _____

“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” [Phil. 4:13]

4. What seems _____ is _____ to God.

5. What we _____ about God _____ how we _____ for Him.

*“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” [A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*]*

6. Faithful servants _____ in their _____

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master’s happiness!” [Matt. 25:21, 23]

The Bible Recap:

What stands out most from this week's reading?

Read Matthew 25:14-30

1. The master gave different amounts to each servant, *"to each according to his ability."* What does this teach us about how God has uniquely equipped and entrusted to each of us?
2. What do you think the "talents" represent for us today? Consider money, time, abilities, gifts, relationships, opportunities, influence—and even interruptions.
3. Why do you think the first two servants responded so differently from the third servant? How does our view of God affect our willingness to serve the Lord and take risks for His kingdom?
4. We often compare what God has given us with what He has given someone else. What dangers come from comparison? How can we learn to be faithful with what God has entrusted specifically to us?
5. What is something God has entrusted to you that you may be tempted to overlook because it seems small or insignificant?
6. The third servant buried what he had been given. What are some ways we can "bury" what God has entrusted to us today?
7. Jesus says to the faithful servants, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Why do you think Jesus emphasizes *faithfulness* rather than simply accomplishment or success?

Taking it Home:

1. If you stood before Jesus today and gave an account of what He has entrusted to you, what would you most hope He would say about your faithfulness?

Prayer Concerns: