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In Light of Eternity

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' "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. The one who had received the five talents immediately went and did business with them, and earned five more talents. In the same way the one who had received the two talents earned two more. But he who received the one talent went away and dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money. "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.' "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have earned two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.'

“Now the one who had received the one talent also came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed. And I was afraid, so I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you still have what is yours.’ “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You worthless, lazy slave! Did you know that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter seed? Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. Therefore: take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’ “For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Matthew 25:14-30 NASB

“The talent which each man has suits his own state best; and it is only pride and insanity which lead him to desire and envy the graces and talents of another. Five talents would be too much for some men: one talent would be too little.”

Adam Clarke, Clarke’s Commentary

The First Two Servants

- Worked promptly
- Worked with perseverance
- Worked to success
- Were prepared to give an account to their master

The Third Servant

- Did not work
- Wasted his time
- Acted out of fear
- Did not accept responsibility

“Remember, my hearer, that in the day of judgment thy account must be personal: God will not ask you what your church did – he will ask you what you did yourself.”

Charles Spurgeon

“It is the genius of wicked men to lay the blame of their miscarriages upon others, oftentimes upon God himself.”

Matthew Poole

WHY?

What is your why? If you know the why, the how and the what become less important. If you know the why, you can deal with the how or the what.

He Is Worthy of It All

It's Not Ours

Our assets, our time, our skills, our motivations no longer become something we want to hold onto, but rather they become things we steward for our Master.

Time Is Short

We need to live with the mindset that all we do is in light of eternity.

We Do Not Have Time to Waste

Soli Deo Gloria - To the Glory of God

Which Type of Servant Are You?