



“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:14-19
NRSV

“Talented People”

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Heaven is not the sort of place where people ask the question: “What is the minimal entrance requirements?” – John Ortberg

Context: This is the _____ of six stories Jesus tells (24:32- 25:30) to warn us to be _____ for the coming of the Son of Man.

The story demands an answer about the _____.

A talent is a weight (copper, **silver**, gold), worth _____ year’s wages.

The expectation of the hearer: the ROI belonged to the master.

What would you do if your boss gave you _____ to invest for them?

The Story: (19-20) 73012 average household income is \$_____.

Slave one yielded \$_____ in today’s dollars.

The master said . . . _____ (21).

Slave two yielded \$_____ in today’s dollars. (22)

The master said . . . _____ (23).

Slave three yielded \$_____ in today’s dollars. (24-25)

The master said . . . _____ (26-27).

The Surprise: (28) The first two get to _____!

(29) Jesus is speaking to _____ audiences at once.

(30) Don’t _____ what God has given you in this life for you and your family. (31-36)

The Master is _____ and the source of all we have!

The First Two Slaves are _____ on behalf of the master.

The Third Slave would have been considered _____ by others.

The Lesson: Different _____. No clear _____. No timetable.

What we think of _____ is the most important thing about us.

God says, “If you are _____ with a few things, I will put you in charge of _____ things.” (23)

Action Steps: Decide is the Master Jesus _____ and generous?

Today, _____ accordingly with your 2020 Commitment.

Answer the question, “Which character am I?” It can change today!