



PARABLES

EXPLORING THE LIFE-CHANGING STORIES OF JESUS

PARABLES, PART FOUR - PASTOR BRAD HOWARD

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THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Matthew 25:14-30 NKJV

A FEW REMINDERS TO BE FAITHFUL

1. WE ARE BLESSED TO BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY WHAT BELONGS TO GOD.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply;

Genesis 1:28 NKJV

For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

Psalms 50:12b NKJV



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"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

Luke 16:10 NLT

"Faith is measured by what you do, not how you feel."

2. EACH OF US WILL FACE A DIVINE AUDIT.

After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:19 NKJV

Therefore, each one must answer for himself and give a personal account of his own life before God.

Romans 14:12 TPT

3. YOUR VIEW OF GOD WILL AFFECT YOUR LEVEL OF FAITHFULNESS.

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Matthew 25:24-25 NKJV

**"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."
--A. W. Tozer**

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Matthew 25:21 NKJV

"Faith is trusting God enough to do what He says."

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV