The Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30

Main Point:

Prepare for the day of judgment by faithfully serving the Lord in your various spheres of opportunity and responsibility

1. You have been given various spheres of opportunity and responsibility to serve the Lord.

2. One day you will be held accountable for how you used these spheres of opportunity and responsibility to serve the Lord.

Gordon Keddie "The central principle is that we are to be steadfastly faithful in what God has given us to do – whatever that may be."

Matthew 7:19, 21¹⁹ "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire ... [For] ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, `Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle "To hide our talent is to neglect opportunities of glorifying God, when we have them. The baptized Bible-despiser, the prayer-neglecter, and the Sabbath-breaker; the unbelieving, the sensual, and the earthly-minded; the trifler, the thoughtless, and the pleasure-seeker; the money-lover, the covetous, and the self-indulgent, – all, all are alike burying their Lord's money in the ground."

David Whitla "The way that you perceive God in your heart will determine the nature of your service to Him."

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