

Don't Waste Your Talents

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Zeph. 1:7-16; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Mt 25:14-30

Introduction - A heartbreaking story of Pastor Scharnell's basketball career.

Summary of the Gospel lesson. **Matthew 25:14-30**

The servants who used what they were entrusted with were rewarded and the one who didn't was cast out. This points to judgement. This is a serious lesson.

Some of the lessons of this parable:

What do the talents in the parable represent?

God gives you different gifts and He wants you to use them to the fullest ability because they ALL come from _____.

What is the reward for being faithful with the gifts and abilities God has given you?

Which servant in the parable was punished?

Revelation 3:15-17, ¹⁵“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.”

If you don't use it, you _____ it.

But why is this important?

Because all good things come from God. God is the Lord of all creation and all is His. He asks (commands) us to share these blessings with others. We are to be generous with the gifts He has given us because He gave the ultimate gift, His Son Jesus Christ, who gave up His life on the cross so that we might live. To God be the glory!

What are some ways that I am going to improve my stewardship to the glory of God?