

Parable of the talents

Matthew 25:14-30

- (14) “For it is like a man, going into another country, who called his own servants, and entrusted his goods to them.
- (15) To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey.
- (16) Immediately he who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.
- (17) In the same way, he also who got the two gained another two.
- (18) But he who received the one went away and dug in the earth, and hid his lord’s money.
- (19) “Now after a long time the lord of those servants came, and reconciled accounts with them.
- (20) He who received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five talents besides them.’
- (21) “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’
- (22) “He also who got the two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents besides them.’
- (23) “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’
- (24) “He also who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter.
- (25) I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours.’
- (26) “But his lord answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant. You knew that I reap where I didn’t sow, and gather where I didn’t scatter.
- (27) You ought therefore to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest.
- (28) Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents.
- (29) For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who doesn’t have, even that which he has will be taken away.
- (30) Throw out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’