

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

March 31, 2021 The Parable of the Talents - [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

Open It

1. What are some typical images people have of God?
2. What are your five best traits or greatest attributes?
3. What would you do for God if you knew you could not fail at it?

Explore It

4. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of God in this parable? ([25:14](#))
5. What did the man in the parable give to his servants? ([25:15](#))
6. What did the servant who received five talents do with his money? ([25:16](#))
7. What kind of return on his investment did the servant with two talents get? ([25:17](#))
8. What did the third servant do with the one talent his master gave him? ([25:18](#))
9. How did the master react to the report of the first servant? ([25:20-21](#))
10. What was the response to the report of the second servant? ([25:22-23](#))
11. What excuse did the third servant give for not investing his talent? ([25:24-25](#))
12. How did the master respond to the third servant's explanation? ([25:26-27](#))
13. What orders did the master give about the third servant's one talent? ([25:28-29](#))
14. What judgment was handed down to the "wicked, lazy" servant? ([25:30](#))

Get It

15. With what talents or resources has God entrusted you?
16. What gifts or talents has God given your church?

17. Besides money or material possessions, what are some resources God has placed in our care?
18. What thoughts or attitudes cause us to be lazy in carrying out our Christian responsibilities?
19. What are the risks of investing our gifts for God's service?
20. What are the rewards of investing our gifts for God's service?
21. In what ways can you be a "good and faithful" servant?
22. Where are you able to invest your gifts?
23. What people can benefit most from the gifts and abilities you have?
24. What discourages you from investing your talents?
25. What encourages you to serve God with your talents?
26. How would you grade yourself in your Christian stewardship over the last year?

Apply It

27. What resource do you need to commit to Christ's use at this time in your life?
28. How can you invest your talents in serving God this week?
29. What reminder can you use to hold yourself accountable for the way you manage your God-given resources?