



Matthew 25:21a NKJV

“His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant!’”

Jesus told this parable and Matthew wrote it into his gospel. A similar parable is in the Gospel of Luke.

Our characters are three servants and their master.

As we begin, the Master prepares 8 “talents” to lend to his servants. In Bible times, each “talent” is as much as 100 pounds of money or other valuables. Each of the servants gets a different number of the talents. One servant receives 5 talents, one servant receives 2 talents, and one servant receives just one talent.

Then the master goes away for a long time.

While the master is gone, the man who receives five talents puts his money to work and gains five more talents. Also, the one with two talents doubles his money and gains two more. But the man who receives one bag goes off, digs a hole in the ground and hides his master’s money.

When the master comes back, the servants are ready to show him what they have done with the talents he has left with them. The master is very pleased with the servants who have invested their talents and made even more. The master calls them “good and faithful servants” and rewards them. The master is not pleased with the servant who buried his talent, who didn’t use it at all. The master calls him “worthless” and gives his talent to someone else.

In the parable, a “talent” is a valuable amount of money. The same word “talent” has come to mean a person’s valuable skills and abilities.

This story reminds us to use the talents God gives us, not to bury and hide them. When we use and share what we have and what we can do, we grow the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and are ready to welcome the coming of Jesus, like the faithful servants welcome the return of their master.

The Ten Talents

The master gave talents to his servants. He gave the most talents to the one who was his best servant.

Find your way through the maze to the 5 talent bag.

