



Putting Your Talent to Use

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon Points:

Big Idea: Whatever God has entrusted to you, you must use it or lose it.

Talent: The unique set of resources God has entrusted to you

Every talent includes a responsibility from God. (Matthew 25:14-19)

Every talent invites profitability for God. (Matthew 25:20-27)

Every talent involves accountability to God. (Matthew 25:28-30)

NOTE: Small Group Leaders remind people that through the series we will discuss Time, Truth, Treasure, Talent & Tears. Through this series please pray and consider which topic you will focus on as an individual.

Group Opener:

Read Matthew 25:14-18, which person do you connect with the most and why?

Discussion Questions:

1. God will let you, (1) waste your life, or (2) spend your life on temporary things, or (3) invest your life in Him. Which one best describes your current reality?
2. Scripture teaches that God owns it all and loans us all we have. Discuss how that affects your use of money, time, relationships, and hardships?
3. When God gives you a talent, the devil attaches a fear to it to keep you from using it for God. Discuss the three fears Pastor Jim mentioned. Discuss how you are overcoming your fears.
4. Read Matthew 25:23
His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master"

Discuss why faithfulness is critical to fulfilling God's purpose.

BONUS: Take 15 minutes to prayerfully complete the form at www.FreeShapeTest.com. At the bottom, include an email address of a friend or your Small Group Leader you can discuss the results with.