

1  **FOUNDATION OF FAITH**

“DISCOVER YOUR TALENT”

MATTHEW 25: 14-30

2  **INTRO**

In Matthew chapter 25 the parable of the ten virgins teaches us to be watchful and prepared. The parable of the talents teaches us how this preparation can be made and the necessity of work. Jesus begins by saying “The kingdom of heaven is as” which lets us know that this teaching is referring to the church.

3  **I. USING YOUR TALENTS**

- Define talent
- Each person has a talent
- Everyone's talent is different
- The Lords gives us our talent
- How we use our talents

4  **II. CALLED BY THE MASTER**

- God has called us to fellowship (1 Cor 1:9)
- We are called to serve (1 Cor 7:22)
- We are called in one body (Col 3:15)
- We are called to holiness (1 Thess 4:7)
- We are called to fight (1 Tim 6:12)
- We are called to be priests (1 Pet 2:9)

5  **III. EACH GIVEN A TALENT**

- Put our talents to work (1 Cor 15:58)
- What talent has God given you?
- God does not give us more than we can handle
- God gives to us proportionately to our ability

6  **IV. THE ONE TALENT SERVANT**

- He buried his talent in the ground
- What do we bury our talents under?
  - a. indifference?
  - b. lack of concern?
  - c. laziness?
  - d. excuses?

7  **IV. THE ONE TALENT SERVANT**

- He had a wrong concept of his master
- Is Christ hard and unreasonable?
- What's your attitude about church attendance?
- What's your attitude about giving?

- Why can't I have a good time like others?
- His yoke is easy (Matt 11:28-30)
- His commandments aren't grievous (1 John 5:3)
- He was afraid (1 Kings 19:1-3)
- He didn't see the potential of his talent

8  **V. THE DAY OF RECKONING**

- That day is a certainty (2 Cor 5:10)
- Will you be commended? (1 Cor 4:2; Matt 25:21)
- Will you be condemned? (Matt 7:21-23; 25:26)
- Where will you stand on that day?