

Matthew 25:14-30 – Whatcha Gonna Do With Whatcha Got?

“Steward”: a \_\_\_\_\_ of someone else’s belongings, and they were accountable for how those belongings were managed.

ACT ONE: DISTRIBUTION (Matthew 25: 14, 15) A better word may be \_\_\_\_\_ What we receive is \_\_\_\_\_ investment in us.

1. 5 talent – few bright stars

- a. Don’t compare yourself to them.
- b. Don’t think they are somehow “\_\_\_\_\_” as a person than you.
- c. Don’t “worship” them – all they have they have been given by God.
- d. Don’t wait for them to do what \_\_\_\_\_ should be doing.
- e. If you are a 5-talent person, remember, to whom much is given, \_\_\_\_\_ shall be

required. (Luke 12:48)

2. 2 talent – average – most of us.

- a. People with what others see as “average” abilities do not need to be “average” people!
- b. Don’t judge yourself by the 5-talent or the 1-talent person, being too hard or too easy on yourself.

3. 1 talent

- a. He was expected to be as \_\_\_\_\_ as the others. Don’t let the fact that others may be able to do better than you stop you from doing what you can!
- b. There are no “\_\_\_\_\_” gifts. There are no “little” jobs.

ACT TWO: PERFORMANCE (verses 16-18)

1. 5 talent – was true to the trust placed in him. 100% return
2. 2 talent – also was true, also 100% return
3. 1 talent – afraid to risk, avoided personal responsibility (he thought)

The question is not, how many/much do you have; but, how are you using what you have.

Insights:

- a. We will not all use and multiply our talents in the \_\_\_\_\_ way.
- b. God will show you what He wants you to do, if you will ask him. Find a \_\_\_\_\_ and fill it, find a hurt and \_\_\_\_\_ it. (Evaluate what you enjoy doing, what irritates you, needs you see, etc.)
- c. Success is finding God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and doing it! No matter the level of your talents, you can be a success. And, as a matter of fact, a 1-talent person using his talent to the best of his ability is more successful in God’s eyes than a 5-talent man only using 2 of his talents!

ACT THREE: JUDGMENT (verses 19-30)

1. Rewards (verses 19-30) both 5 and 2 talent receive same commendation – exact same words!

The question is not, “Did you do as much as someone else”, but, “Did you do YOUR \_\_\_\_\_?”

2. Punishment (verses 24-30)

His issues:

- a. No character – blamed his failure on the master. “Not how much – but how faithful you are.”
- b. No courage – \_\_\_\_\_ decides WHO gets WHAT.
- c. No imagination – he couldn’t see that he was as necessary as the others
- d. No motivation – didn’t even \_\_\_\_\_

“Lord, I acknowledge that everything I have comes from you, and is your investment in me.”

