

USE IT OR LOSE IT

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For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.



Matthew 25:14-21

**And unto one he gave five talents,
to another two, and to another
one; to every man according to his
several ability; and straightway
took his journey.**



Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoned with them.

And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

**His lord said unto him, Well done,
thou good and faithful servant:
thou hast been faithful over a few
things, I will make thee ruler over
many things: enter thou into the
joy of thy lord.**

The man traveling - Jesus





**The far country – Jesus returns to
heaven**

His own servants – The disciples



The master had two objectives in sharing the talents.

☐ To increase His holdings.



□ To test His servants in anticipation of entrusting them with greater responsibility. Similarly, Christ has committed the work of the gospel to men in order to advance the interest of His Kingdom on earth.

(SDABC Pg 510)



- The talents represent special gifts of the spirit together with all natural endowments

Each of us has a work to do for God. Though there are varying degrees of responsibilities, none are altogether exempt from responsibility.

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The amount entrusted to each servant was no more than, in the estimation of his Master, he could handle wisely.

TALENTS MULTIPLIED BY USE

Talents used are talents multiplied. Success is not the result of chance or of destiny; it is the out working of God's own providence, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and persevering effort. The Lord desires us to use every gift we have; and if we do this, we shall have greater gifts to use. *(Christ object lesson Pg 353)*

INSTRUMENTS TO GROW

With the blessing of God, the one talent through diligent use will be doubled, and the two used in the service of Christ will be increased to four; and thus the humblest instrument may grow in power and usefulness. (*RH 10/11/11*)

ACCUMULATE

The talents of speech, memory, influence, property, are to accumulate for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom. *(CS 116)*

IN HARMONY WITH GOD'S WILL

God's stamp is upon us. He has bought us, and He desires us to remember that our physical, mental, and moral powers belong to Him. Time and influence, reason, affection and conscience, all are God's and are to be used in harmony with his will. (*MYP 69*)

ALL FOR THE MASTER

The spiritual, mental and physical ability, the influence, station, possessions, affections, sympathies, all are precious talents to be used in the cause of the Master for the salvation of souls for whom Christ died. (*cs 117*)

SPEECH

Of all the gifts bestowed on the human family, none should be more appreciated than the gift of speech. It is to be used to declare God's wisdom and wondrous love. *(CS 115)*

TWO CHOICES

There are only two places in the universe where we can place our treasures- in God's storehouse or in Satan's; and all that is not devoted to God's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause. (CS 35)

TRANSFERRING POSSESSIONS

This work of transferring your possessions to the world above, is worthy of all your best energies. It is of the highest importance and involves your eternal interests...

**All that is given for the salvation of
souls and the glory of God , is
invested in the most successful
enterprise in this life and in the life
to come. (CS 342)**

USE SCRUTINIZED

The use made of every talent will be scrutinized. How have we employed the capital lent to us of Heaven? (*GC 487*)

NOT USED

**Those who.... Possess talents,
which they will not use in the
service of God will finally lay them
all at the feet of Satan, to be
employed as he shall direct.**

(RH 9/4 1888)

Talents are bestowed that they may be put to use, and if they are not used, it is only natural that they be removed. Conversely, to make the most of limited opportunities often result in increasingly greater opportunities.