

To Risk or Not to Risk

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 25:14-30.

B. The believer must watch for Jesus' return, which involves feeding on God's Word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit at the heart level.

II. The parable of the talents.

A. A talent was a great deal of money in the Lord's time—about a thousand dollars.

B. The matter of the talents is a matter of life and death.

C. The talent.

1. It represents something that belongs to God.
2. They are given according to abilities, so they are something besides a person's talents.
3. The risk is made on behalf of the Lord by the servant.
4. Talents are opportunities to put a person's gifts to work, which are given by the Lord.

D. The one who does well with his opportunities from the Lord will be given more.

1. Not every Christian will receive the Lord's commendation in the end.
2. The one who does well with his opportunities will enter into the joy of Christ.
3. There is no difference in commendation between the one who reaped a little and the one who reaped more.

E. Life that does not increase is not life, so the one that did not invest his talent had whatever he possessed taken away.

1. The problem was that this man never really intended to be a servant.
2. The man was merely pretending to be a servant.

F. The believer must risk himself joyfully for the cause of Christ.

Application questions:

1. What does the talent represent?

2. How have you used your “talents” for the Lord? What would the Lord say to you?

3. What are some “talents” in your life of which you could take better advantage? Explain.
