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The Parable of the Talents

~Am I asking the right questions?~

‘Para’ (*along side*)
+
‘Ballo’ (*throw*)

STEWARDSHIP

THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

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- I. **What is my role?**
- II. **What is my responsibility?**
- III. **What has been my response?**
- IV. **What will be my reward?**

THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

I. What is my role?

Matthew 24:3a

³ As [Jesus] sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately...



Matthew 24:3b

“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”



Matthew 25:14

14 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.



A lit candle in a metal holder with a white cloth draped over it, set against a dark background. The candle is the primary light source, casting a warm glow on the surrounding objects.

Servant (‘doulos’)

Job 38:4

4 “Where were you when I laid
the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have
understanding.



Job 38:8

8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,



Job 38:39

39 “Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions?”



THE RIGHT QUESTIONS



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Matthew 25:15

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to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability.
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John 15:8

**8 By this my Father is glorified,
that you bear much fruit and so
prove to be my disciples.**



1 Thessalonians 4:3a

³ For this is the will of God,
your sanctification...



1 Thessalonians 5:18

**18 give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for
you.**



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Matthew 25:16b

16 ...traded... and he made five talents more.

Matthew 25:18b

18 dug in the ground and hid his master's money.



Matthew 25:24b-25

24 ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’



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Matthew 25:25c

‘Here, you have what is yours.’



Matthew 25:26a

‘You wicked and slothful servant!’



Matthew 25:26b - 27

26 ...You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.



Matthew 25:26a

26 'You wicked and slothful servant!



Matthew 25:26a

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Matthew 25:21a, 23a

**'Well done, good and faithful
servant.'**



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Matthew 25:21

21 ...‘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.’



Matthew 25:26a

26 'You wicked and slothful servant!



Matthew 25:28-29

28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. **29** For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.



Matthew 25:30

30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



Matthew 25:29

29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.



John 15:15

15 No longer do I call you servants,
[...] but I have called you friends...



Galatians 4:7a

**7 So you are no longer a slave,
but a son...**



Romans 8:17

17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

