

## “HOW ARE YOU USING YOUR TALENT?” (The Parable of the Talents – Matthew 25:14-28)

Context: God gives talent to all believers! He desires this to be used to bless others. God holds believers accountable for using their talents.

### I. {EVERY} BELIEVER HAS SOME TALENT!

*\*Matthew 25:15*

*\*Ephesians 4:7-8*

*\*I Corinthians 12:7*

*\*I Corinthians 12:1*

*\*I Corinthians 12:11*

Note: The “lord” in this parable represents {Jesus}.

Note: They are called “spiritual gifts”!

### II. {SOME} BELIEVERS HAVE MORE TALENT THAN OTHERS!

*\*Matthew 25:14-15*

*\*James 1:17*

*\*I Corinthians 4:7*

*\*Romans 12:3-4*

Note: All talent comes from {God}.

### III. GOD WANTS ALL TALENT BEING {USED}.

*\*Matthew 25:19-23*

*\*Matthew 25:24-28*

1. If a believer uses their talent, God will {increase} it!

2. If a believer does not use their talent, they will {lose} it.

Note: One of the greatest rewards of using our talent is {joy}.

### IV. {GOD} HOLDS ALL BELIEVERS ACCOUNTABLE!

*\*Matthew 25:14*

*\*Luke 12:48b*

*\*Matthew 25:19*

*\*I John 2:28*

Note: The “far country” represents {Jesus’ return to Heaven}!

Note: This parable is referring to the {Judgement Seat of Christ}.