

Trusted with Talents

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus' disciples wanted to be prepared for God's kingdom. "How can we get ready?" they asked. Jesus answered by telling a parable about talents.

A rich man trusted three servants with his money. He gave the first servant five silver talents. The servant bought some cloth, made it into clothes, and sold them. He earned ten talents.

The second servant received two talents. She bought seeds, tended them, and sold the crops. She earned four talents.

The third servant received one talent. He felt nervous. What if he bought cloth but no one bought his clothes? What if he bought seeds but they didn't grow? The servant decided to bury his talent to keep it safe.

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Where can you keep money safe?



Wait, are we talking about talents or money?

I think both.



When the rich man asked what happened to his money, the first two servants were excited. They showed him the talents they had earned. The rich man grinned and said, "You used my talents to earn even MORE talents!"

The third servant held out his one talent. "I was afraid to use this," he said, "so I have the same amount to give back to you."

The rich man frowned. "You could have used my talent, but instead you hid it away."

*Sometimes I hide my allowance.
I wonder if the rich man would
get angry at me.*

