
The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

1. Describe the context of this parable and how it fits into the overall passage of this and the previous chapter.

2. A talent is a weight of precious metal often used as a standard of measure for valuing transactions. It was a large sum. The master entrusted many talents to his servants, thus the master would have been considered rich. How does this fit with Psalms 24:1-2, Haggai 2:8, and Psalms 50:7-11?

3. Identify the main characters in this parable:
 - a. The master:

 - b. The three servants collectively:

 - c. The first two servants specifically:

 - d. The last servant:

4. How does the master's leaving for a journey and then returning compare to our knowledge of past and future events based on the Bible?

5. What are the talents that the master gave to his servants? How are they to be used to do His work?

6. What is the increase that the Master is expecting from the talents that He has given his servants? Does Matthew 25:31-46 help us to understand the work and increase that the master expects from his servants?