

“According to His Ability!”

November 19 2017 Matthew 25:14-30

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What was the value of a talent in Jesus day? It varies from source to source but the most recent ones agree that:

a denarius = Daily wage 10,000 denarius = 1 Talent

1 talent = up to _____ years worth of wages.

2. Each was given according to his _____.

They were not given more than they could handle. They were not overwhelmed with too much. The master knew and understood how much they could handle. The master knew their abilities and gave to them accordingly.

Even the man with the smallest ability received 20 years worth of wages! The other a 100 years worth. The master knew his servants well. He gave them what they could manage.

3. The faithful servants focus on the _____ of the master.

One significant difference between the first two servants and the last servant was their attitude – how they saw their master. The word in the NIV is “entrusted” – it literally means– “you gave” me. (vv. 20 & 22). Both faithful servants acknowledged that their master gave them what was his.

4. The faithful responded to generosity _____.

They recognized the generosity of their master and honored him by putting it to work “right away.” They didn’t delay.

The third slave focused on the _____ of the master.

He even _____ the master for why he himself didn’t go out and put the money to work. **See James 1:17**

From this parable we learn that God does not ask us to do the _____ in living.

The master condemned the third slave as: lazy and wicked. He did the bare minimum, he cared only about himself. He gave excuses for why he did nothing at all. He didn’t know nor love his master.

How does Jesus tell us to live? See Matthew 22:37

We are not to give to God our bare minimum of love but our all!

_____ comes when putting the talent to work.

What matters is not the level of ability, but acting in faith.

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