



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Eight

Lord, I don't have any talent or abilities

For the Kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. -Matthew 25: 14-15

A talent in the Greek is called a talanton, or a unit of measure. It was a form of money used by the people of Jesus' day. In the parable, it would appear that Jesus is only referring to money and how each servant invested what he was given. But, Jesus as usual, is going deeper here and is talking about ALL He has given us, wealth, time, talent and abilities and how each one of us is or is not investing what we've been given. Jesus is telling us in the verses above that we have all been given some form of opportunity, ability and/or talent, so it is no longer okay to say "I didn't get that gene."

Everything we are, everything we "own" belongs to God. We took no part in being born, what country we would live in, who are siblings would be. We had no vote with regard to who our parents would be or what talents and abilities we would inherit from them by way of the Lord. But, God foreknew us from the foundation of the world. Paul tells us in Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. He chose us to be His and imputed ALL OF US with gifts and abilities to be used for His Glory and the building up of His Kingdom. We have been predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. This is a tremendous honor and an even bigger responsibility.

Our spiritual gifts, our wealth, our time, our talents all come from God and belong to God, Who has entrusted them to us until His coming. The parable of the talents speaks to the abilities God has given us, and our capacity to multiply

those talents/abilities if we are willing to be obedient. It is our job to discover the talent and ability God has given us, to develop it and to diligently take these talents and invest or multiply them. As we are diligent in this task we can be assured that when our Lord returns He will find that we have been faithful. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:23:

His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things, Enter into the joy of your lord."

Questions To Consider

Do you know what your talent/ability is?

If not, do you think it's time to seek God's face asking Him to reveal to you the talent/ability He has given you?

What are you prepared to do to develop and multiply your talent/abilities for the Kingdom of God?

Prayer Focus

Father God, you have numbered every hair on my head and know my getting up and my lying down, please open my eyes and my heart to the talents/abilities You have given me and help me develop them and use them to Glorify Your Name.

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