



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Ten

Lord, am I making the most of the talent and ability I've been given?

Because of laziness the building decays, And through idleness of hands the house leaks. -Ecclesiastes 10: 18

We all have times when we sit back, enjoy a good cup of coffee and take a “me” day. This is a good thing because God wants us to rest. Jesus tells us in Matthew 11: 28-30:

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

However, we must guard against rest turning into laziness when it comes to using the talent and abilities given to us by God. There's a practical life principle that Matthew 25:29 shows us. Use it or lose it!

How can God give us more talent and ability if we haven't discovered, developed and multiplied what we've already been given? If we bury our talent and abilities we're telling God, thanks but no thanks! It should be our hearts desire to strive to be like the first 2 servants and “go”, multiply the talent in your life and the lives of those around you to the edification of the Body of Christ and to the Glory of God as Matthew 25: 16-17 tell us the servants did:

Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

The opportunities you've been given allow you to enrich and speak into the lives of the saved and the loss for the Glory of God's Kingdom and that's an eternal victory. So, don't think "I'm too busy, I don't have time to develop, use and multiply the talent and abilities I've been given." Oh, but you do! You have to make a conscious choice to make what God has given you more important than what the world offers as a distraction. As you multiply what God has given you to others, He will in turn multiply His blessing to you so you can be a blessing!

The very fact that the servant with five talents and the servant with two talents received the exact same blessing as we see in Matthew 25: 21 and again in Matthew 25:23 tells us that ALL who obey faithfully, whatever their portion shall share an equal blessing. Folks, those talents and abilities are in you, search them out, make use of them, multiply them! Don't cheat yourself out of the opportunity to have your Lord say to you, 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

Are you making the most of the talents, abilities, opportunities you've been given?

Are you allowing things of the world to distract you from being about your Father's business?

Prayer Focus

Father God, speak into my spirit and help me to have a heart to desire Your will for my life. Guide me into the opportunities, talents and abilities that You prepared for me before the foundation of the world.

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