

STORIES

JESUS

TOLD



A detailed illustration of the Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids. Ten women are shown in traditional attire, some holding oil lamps. One woman is lying on the ground, seemingly dead or unconscious, while the others stand around her. The scene is set outdoors with a dark, stormy sky in the background.

HOW SHOULD WE LIVE AS WE WAIT FOR HIS RETURN?

Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids
BE READY

A detailed illustration of the Parable of the Talents. A man in a long robe and hat is seated at a table, looking at a book. Another man in a long robe and hat is standing next to him, holding a book. A third man in a long robe and hat is kneeling on the floor, looking up at the man at the table. A dog is lying on the floor in the foreground.

Parable of the Talents
BE FAITHFUL

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

MATTHEW 25:14-15



¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

MATTHEW 25:16-18





THE TALENTS

represent our **opportunities, abilities, spiritual gifts, resources,** and **influence** that have been entrusted to us by God to bring him glory and for the good of others



WHAT MIGHT THAT LOOK LIKE IN YOUR LIFE?

How can you use what God has entrusted to you **to help someone find and follow Jesus?**

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

MATTHEW 25:19-20



21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

MATTHEW 25:21





22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

MATTHEW 25:22



²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

MATTHEW 25:23

REWARDS

AFFIRMATION

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

RESPONSIBILITY

"You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things."

JOY

"Come and share your master's happiness."



²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

MATTHEW 25:24-25



²⁶ “His master replied,
‘You wicked, lazy servant!
So you knew that I harvest
where I have not sown and
gather where I have not
scattered seed? ²⁷ Well
then, you should have put
my money on deposit with
the bankers, so that when I
returned I would have
received it back with
interest.

MATTHEW 25:26-27



MATTHEW 25:28-30

28 ""So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

faith in Christ

RESULTS IN FAITHFULNESS TO CHRIST

*Genuine faith doesn't produce perfection (yet),
but it does produce a growing desire to
serve, obey, and glorify Jesus*

Faithfully steward
what God has entrusted to you
until he returns.

**"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.
ENTER INTO MY EVERLASTING JOY."**