

# *Olivet Discourse*

## (16) Investing Your Talents

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### The application of these talents...Mt.25:14-30

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**Talent=unit of weight or value of weight of gold. It was 'his property' that was given.**

Who is the Master? Who are the servants? Mt.28:16-20

**The Master is Christ and His servants are (2) genuine believers and (1) false believer.**

What was the *attitude* of the (2) genuine believers in the judgment? 25:20, 22; Lu.17:10

**No pretense. You gave me these talents and I invested them. Here's your 100% return!**

What was the *uniform* reward to the true believers with *unequal* talents? 25:21, 23

**Well done, good and faithful servant! Faithful in few things -> in charge of many. Happy!**

What is the indirect application to believers today, awaiting Christ's return? Jn.15:5

**We, too, will be rewarded for faithful service. It's eternally critical to serve Him well.**

### What do our talents look like today?

What is one *obvious* parallel for us, to the talents? Lu.21:1-4; 12:33-34 see Lu.12:48b

**That is our earthly wealth, our money/possessions. Your heart follows your treasure!!**

What is to be our *attitude* (under Grace, not Law) toward giving? IICor.9:6-15; Lu.12:1-4

**According to your heart, not grudgingly/compulsion, cheerful. Note investment of IICor.9:8**

What other talents have been given to us? Rom.12:3-8; ICo.7:7; IPet.4:10

**Gifts, talents, of Grace! Everyone has at least one! All different. Invest it for the Lord!**

What are *some* ways the 'service' (Rom.12:7) is seen? Acts 6:1, 4; 11:29, 20:24; I Co.16:15

**From waiting tables to ministering the Word. Do what delights you as unto the Lord!**

How does Paul illustrate the *variety* of gifts for believers? Rom.12:1-5

**He compares believers, members of the body of Christ, with physical members/our bodies.**

On this basis, what does Paul command us to be doing? Rom.12:6-8; 12:9-13:14

**Use your particular grace-gift! Preaching, serving, exhorting, loving, patient/tribulation...**

And yet, what is the grace-gift that *excels* them all? ICo.12:27-13:13; Jn.13:34-35 (all believers)

**To love on another! Love trumps all the other gifts! All believers are equal here!**

So, if you're in doubt as to how to serve the Lord, what's the answer??