

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1215: What Am I Doing with What God Has Given Me?

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1. What was Jesus' purpose in speaking the Parable of the Talents?  
Describe the context of the parable. Who do the man and the slaves represent?  
How does the man treat his slaves? (See Matthew 25:13-14, John 13:15-16)
2. What do the talents represent in the parable? Describe the three aspects of this wealth and how they apply to us. (See Matthew 25:15, John 13:14, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, 6:19)
3. How did the attitudes of the servants differ in the way they handled their talents? How did this show their dedication to the Lord's work? (See Matthew 25:16-18)
4. What are some examples in the New Testament of attitudes like those of the slaves in the parable? Can we see these attitudes in our own actions? What should these examples prompt us to do? (See Acts 16:14-15, Romans 16:21-23, 2 Timothy 4:9-10)
5. How did the servants with five and two talents respond to the master during the time for their accountability? What was each of their rewards? (See Matthew 25:19-23)
6. What lessons are there for us from the actions of the first two servants and the master's response? Why do we not have to worry about being given too much to do in the Lord's service? How does this parable bring us comfort when we feel overwhelmed? What is our reward? (See Romans 8:35-39, 1 Corinthians 9:25-27, 2 Timothy 4:6-8)
7. How did the response of the one-talent servant to the master differ from the first two servants? How did he explain his actions? What three actions can we take (like the one-talent servant) that are the opposite of responsibility to justify our inaction? (See Matthew 25:24-29)
8. What can we do to avoid falling into the attitude of the lazy servant? Why should we not compare ourselves to others who are either more talented, or less talented, than we are? Why does Satan love to see us discouraged? (See Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 2:1-2)
9. What "reward" did the master give the one-talent servant? Was his reward justified? Did the master (Jesus) send this man to hellfire in the parable? What is the contrast between this servant's fate and that of the first two servants? (See Matthew 25:28-30)
10. Is your attitude towards your Christian responsibilities like the first two servants or like the lazy one? What will you do to be like the first two?