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God's Return on His Investment

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Expect a return

Matthew 25:14

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man (Jesus) traveling to a far country, who called his own servants (Us) and delivered his goods to them.”



Some common goods that have been invested in us.

- Life
- Himself / Jesus / Holy Ghost
- Unconditional Love
- Forgiveness
- Redemption
- Grace
- Body

Matthew 25:15

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Purposeful Distribution: The five-talent, two-talent, and one-talent servants all received a large sum; none were empty-handed. This teaches that God never calls a person without equipping them.

Dividing it in proportion to their abilities. (NLT)

**The master gave to each servant what he would be able to use well
(EASY)**

Calculated Distribution: The master knows his servants intimately. God does not give the same amount to everyone, but He gives purposefully according to what each can manage, ensuring the distribution is equitable, not necessarily equal.

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The "Journey" (Stewardship Period): The master's departure represents Christ's ascension. The interval before he returns is not idle time, but a "proving ground" for stewardship, demanding active investment.

Stewardship: Everything a believer has – time, money, skills, and the Word of God – belongs to the Master and is given to be used for His glory, not selfish pursuits.

The Lesson on Stewardship: The core of this verse and parable is not in comparing what we have to others, but in the faithfulness of using what we have for God's glory. The focus is on being proactive, not passive or afraid.

Individualized Responsibility: Accountability is proportional. "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded"

Luke 12:47, 48

What different **gifts** have we received from God?

Spiritual Gifts

These are specific supernatural abilities given for the good of the community.

- **Apostleship:** A leadership role
- **Discernment:** The ability to distinguish between spirits
- **Encouragement:** Offering comfort and support
- **Evangelism:** Sharing the Christian message
- **Faith:** A strong belief in God's promises
- **Giving:** Generous financial support
- **Healing:** Restoring health to the sick
- **Miracles:** Performing supernatural acts
- **Prophecy:** Speaking God's messages
- **Teaching:** Explaining and instructing others
- **Tongues:** Speaking in a language unknown to the speaker
- **Wisdom:** God-given understanding



What **different talents** have we received from God?



General talents and abilities

Craftsmanship	Encouragement / Exhortation	Empathy
Healing	Hospitality	Intercession
Knowledge	Leadership	Mercy
Miracles	Pastoring/Shepherding	Public speaking
Serving	Teaching	Use of intellect and reason

What **natural abilities** have we received from God?

Natural abilities

Creativity

Athletic ability

Musical talent

Intellectual capacity

Physical strength

Senses (hearing, sight, taste, smell)

