

Perception Leads to Response

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Matthew 25:14-29

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

15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.



17 And likewise he who
had received two gained
two more also.



18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.



1) All have been given talents.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and *settled accounts with them.*

20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’

21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

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.'

2) All gifts are for the glory of the Lord and the benefit of others

24 “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25 And I was afraid, and went
and hid your talent in the
ground. Look, there you have
what is yours.'

3) My response to sharing that gift is based on my perception of Who He Is!

26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

28 Therefore take the talent
from him, and give it to him
who has ten talents.

29 'For to everyone who has,
more will be given, and he will
have abundance; but from him
who does not have, even what
he has will be taken away.