



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

HOW DO I STEWARD MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS? | MATTHEW 25:14–30

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All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apports to each one individually as he wills. – 1 Corinthians 12:11

God honors our faithfulness.

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God is dishonored when gifts go unused.

But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. – Matthew 25:18–19



God will call on us one day to give an account.

He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.”²⁶ But his master answered him, “You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?” – Matthew 25:24–26

“What did you do with what I entrusted to you?”

Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. – Matthew 25:27–30

Every believer has:

- Gifts to use
- People to serve
- Opportunities to grasp

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. – Romans 14:12

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. – 2 Corinthians 5:10

His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.” – Matthew 25:21

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