

## **Whose Got Talent**

Sermon by Pastor Howard Washington

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Matthew 25:14-20

Topic: Giving; Stewardship – Faithful stewardship means giving in faith and obedience to God trusting His provision and blessing

Jesus is teaching the disciples in this parable. This parable is known as the parable of the talents. Jesus is teaching about the kingdom of heaven. How will we answer the question, “What did I do with what God gave me?”

1. **God will never demand us to give beyond our ability, but always expects us to do our best.**
  - a. What motivates you to give? List at least three things. What can we learn from this parable about Godly motivation for giving?
  - b. What happens when we choose not to give and/or make investments according to this parable?
  - c. God gives us opportunities based on our abilities to use them. True or False. Explain your answer.
  
2. **Giving our best requires investment and dedication**
  - a. What can we learn from the two examples in the parable about God’s response to faithfulness/obedience?
  - b. What is your testimony about giving or not giving and the results you experienced?
  - c. What actions will you take to put the lessons of giving from this parable into practice?
  
3. **Giving our best will result in both reward and celebration**
  - a. What happened to the status of the two in the parable who invested and dedicated? What happened to the one who did not invest?
  - b. What does the parable say about what caused the one who did invest to give?
  - c. Do you fear Christ’s Second coming? What can you do to be ready instead of living in fear?
  - d. How does this parable help you with how you think about Christ’s return? How can you prepare for Christ return?