

Matthew – 22
Mark – 10
Luke – 10 *

THE PARABLES OF
Jesus

The Most Famous Parable?

The Prodigal Son – **Luke 15:11-32**



The Most Touching Parable?

The Parable of the Good Shepherd &
the Lost Sheep – **Luke 15:1-7**



The Most Comforting Story for the Helpless?

Luke 16:19-31

An illustration depicting the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. On the left, Lazarus is shown in a state of suffering, surrounded by intense red and orange flames. He has a long, dark beard and hair, and his hands are raised in a gesture of reaching or pleading. On the right, Jesus and the Rich Man are shown in a state of glory, surrounded by bright white and blue light. Jesus, with a long white beard and wearing a green robe, is reaching out towards Lazarus. The Rich Man, wearing a yellow and green robe, stands beside him. The background is a dark, swirling blue and black, suggesting a chasm or a transition between the two states.

LAZARUS

and the
RICH MAN

What is the Most Practical Parable?



the
Parable

of the
Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

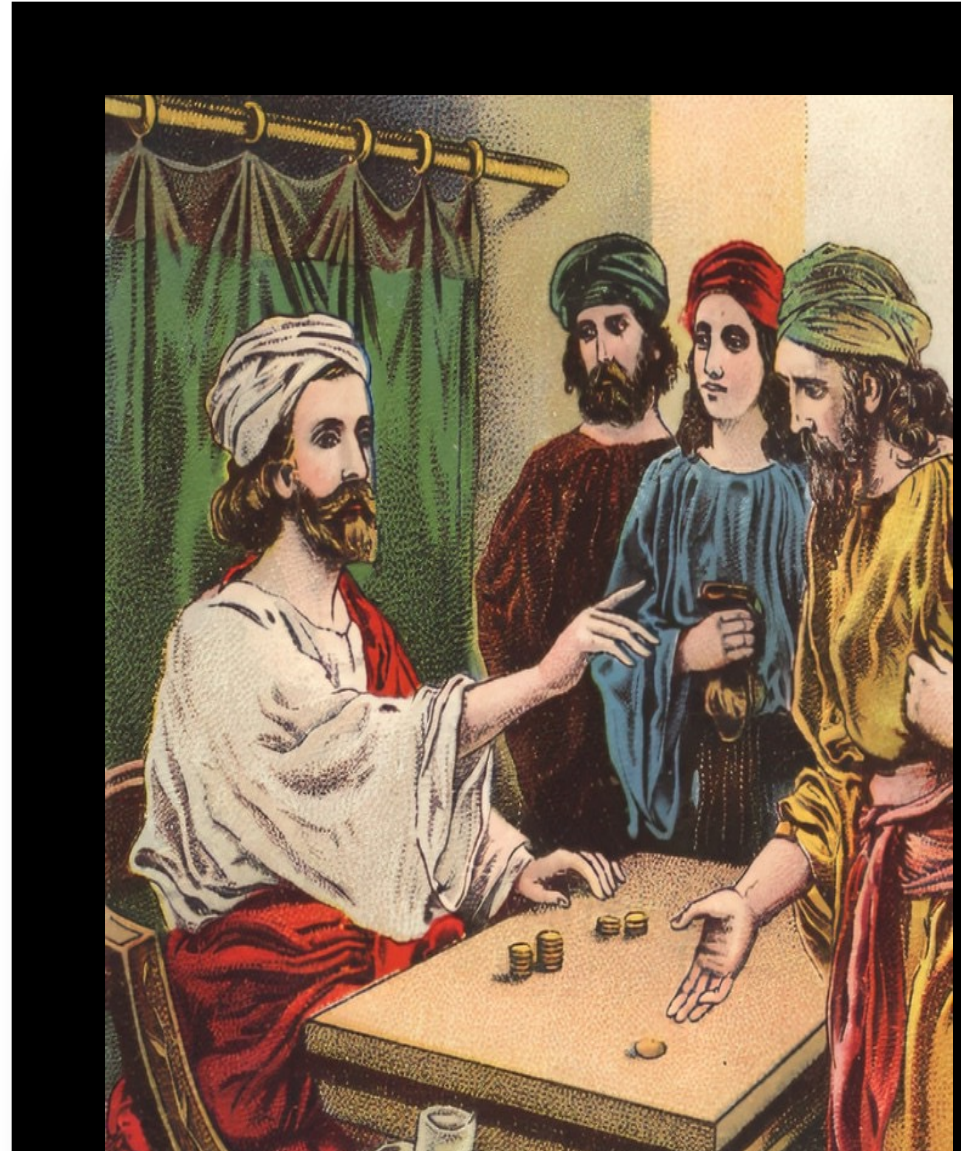
Scene One

Master calls in His
servants
He is going on a long
journey
He entrusts them with
His wealth
His assignments



Each Received What They Were Capable Of Handling!

- **Disturbing – why were they not all “treated alike”?**
- **The 5 talent man if given 1 talent would not be good use of his abilities.**
- **The same with the 2 talents.**
- **If the 1 talent man had been given 5 or 2 talents he would have been overwhelmed.**



Scene Two

The Master returns
He wants an
accounting of His
servants.

The 5 talent man
The 2 talent man
The one talent man.



The One Talent Servant

- **Why so unprofitable?**
 - A. No indication he was:
 - Wasteful – [Luke 15:13](#)
 - Dishonest – [Romans 12:17](#)
 - Lustful – [I Corinthians 10:6](#)
 - Drunkard – [I Corinthians 6:9-10](#)
 - Immoral – [Galatians 5:19-21](#)

The One Talent Servant

- **Why so unprofitable?**

Fear of Failure? – Matthew 25:25

Inactivity? – Matthew 25:18

Wicked and Lazy per his Master – Matthew 25:26

Did not try - therefore – unprofitable – Matthew 25:30

The Five and Two Talent Servants

- **Why so profitable?**
 - A. Did they not:
 - **Fear the Master? – Matthew 25:24-25**
 - **Fear Failure? – Matthew 25:25**
 - **Know the Master was a Hard Man? – Matthew 25:24**
 - **They were Both Profitable Because They Tried! – Matthew 25:20 & 22**

Profitable Servants

- **Luke 8:26-39 – Demon possessed man**
- **Acts 4:32-37 – Barnabas**
- **Acts 9:36-43 - Dorcas**
- **Acts 17:5-9 – Jason**
- **Romans 16:1-16 – Phoebe and others**
- **Philemon 1:11 – Onesimus**
- **2 Timothy 4:11 – Mark**

What Does It Take To Be Profitable?

- **Seek first the Kingdom of God – Mt. 6:33**
- **Rightly divide the Word of Truth – 2 Tim. 2:15**
- **Fruitful growth in the faith – 2 Pet. 1:5-11**
- **Drawing near – holding fast – considering – stirring up – not forsaking – exhorting
Hebrews 10:19-25**
- **Worshipping in Spirit and truth – John 4:23-24**
- **Loving in deed and truth – I John 3:18**

What Does It Take To Be Profitable?

- Visiting orphans and widows – James 1:27
- To do good – Galatians 6:10
- To maintain good works – Titus 3:8
- Find your niche – Ephesians 4:11-16;
I Corinthians 12:12-31; James 3:1
- Do all things with love – I Cor. 13:1;
I John 4:7-11
- Walk worthy of your calling – Ephesians 4:1-3

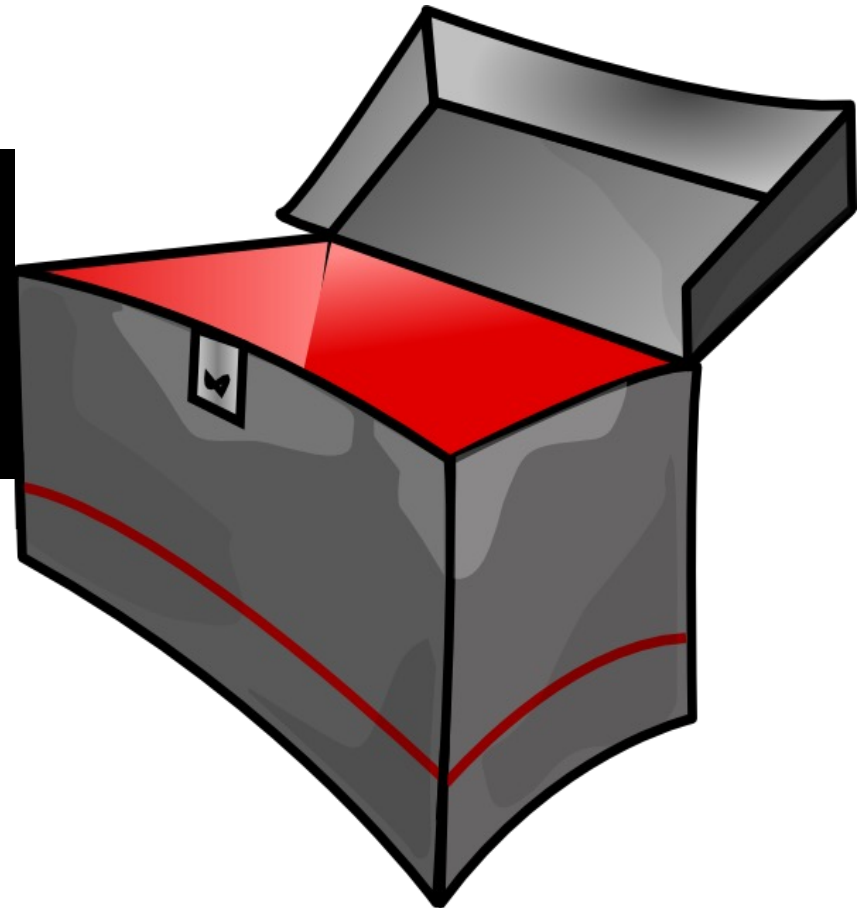
What Does It Take To Be Profitable?

- **Stay steadfast and immovable – I Cor. 15:58**
- **Meditate on the right things – Philippians 4:8**
- **KNOW you have eternal life – I John 5:13**
- **Be faithful unto death – Revelation 2:10**



**The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations
Matthew 25:31-46**

What Talents Are In My Talent Box



GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR SALVATION

Hear the Word of God--- Rom. 10:17

Believing In Your Heart--- Acts 16:31

Repenting Of Your Sins--- Acts 2:38

Confess Christ Is The Son of God- I John 4:15

Be Baptized Into Christ--- Gal. 3:26-29

Be Faithful Until Death--- Rev. 2:10; I Cor. 15:58

“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”