

**Play well. Finish strong.****Family Discipleship Devotional (To Be Led by Parent)**

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Follow-Up to KidsQuest Online

January 24, 2021

**Truth** (Read Matthew 25:14-30)

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. He who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. After a while the master of those servants came back. When he saw the servant, who had received the five talents bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 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.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 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.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a strict man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! Take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 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.'"

**Equipping** (Discussion questions)

1. **What is a talent?** time, money, abilities, and authority
2. **Who does the master represent? The servants?** The Master is Jesus, and the servants are his followers, us.
3. **What distinguishes the reactions of the two faithful servants from the reaction of the unfaithful servant?** The master was proud of the faithful servants but told the third servant he was lazy and wicked.
4. **What does it mean to "enter into the joy of your master?"** This is referring to heaven and the servants get to enter in!
5. **What did Jesus want to teach us through this story?** God wants us to make the most what we've been given.

**Accountability**

1. How do you think Jesus wants you to live?
2. What kind of talents do you possess?
3. What have you learned from this parable about using your talents?



Godly Responsibility

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### Mission

1. Share one way you can use your gift or abilities to build up the body of Christ.
2. As Christians we want others to 'enter into the joy of your master' as well. How could your talent help share the gospel?

### Supplication

1. Do you have any prayer requests?
2. Praise God for the gifts and talents He has given us!
3. "Dear God, thank You for entrusting us with so many good things. Help us to be responsible with them and increase all You have given us for Your glory. Amen."



Whoever can be trusted with very little, can also be trusted with much. - Luke 16:10

Draw a line from what you have  
to how you can make the most  
of it in the world around you.

**What I have:**

- **compassion**

- **a brain**

- **a skill**

- **a heart**

- **time**

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**What I can do:**

- **cities need to be served**

- **lonely people need to be loved**

- **people need to be stood up for**

- **world-changing ideas need to be started**

- **people who need to hear about Jesus**

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**What to Do:**

Print one for each kid.