

Kings Norton Baptist Church

Sunday 28th July 2024 10 am

The parable of the talents

Opening Scripture.

Hymn MP 631 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord

Prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

Scripture Nehemiah 9:5b – 21 (page 493)

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Chorus MP 244 How good is the God we adore.

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Prayer and Lord's prayer

Reading Matthew 25:14-30 (page 994)

Hymn MP 1094 Men of faith rise up and sing

Message "I can do - and I will do!"

Hymn MP 126 Facing a task unfinished

Closing prayer

Prayer

■ Samuel started his new job three weeks ago, thank you for praying. After being shown round he was told what he will be doing. Isn't that true of every job? Whichever spheres of life it is the same, army, medical profession, estates gardener, factory worker, etc, you are told when you join what your role is - and what you are to do.

So too with a Christian. It's a very strange notion that we are to do nothing!

Our enemy would love it that way, and the world around will encourage it.

The world around us considers work not a joy but a chore, a burden, and something to be avoided if at all possible. Happy Fridays - and sad Mondays. Unhindered leisure is the goal. Yet not to work is to be less than human. Adam and Eve were not put in the garden to sit in a couple of deck chairs alongside a cocktail bar, but were put in to garden to work it. To work it, to enjoy doing it, to see the progress in it, and to see the master's happiness in it.

Jesus spoke a parable about men idling away in the market place. He calls them out of their idleness to come and work in His vineyard. Note:

If you are a Christian today the Lord has called you to work in His vineyard.

He has called you away from whatever it was that absorbed your mind and time before - which has no lasting value - to come and nurture vines, to see fruit from his vineyard which is of lasting eternal value.

⇒ The title today is: "I can do - and I will do!" x2

The parable starts at v14 where Jesus says "Again, (He is talking about **the kingdom of heaven** see v 1) **will be like a man going on a journey**, also v15b **Then he went on his journey**."

We are entrusted with something - while the master is away. That is the context of the whole section in Matt 23-25. This is the last of Jesus' five teaching blocks in Matthews Gospel. it is called 'eschatological', that is it is about the end times. We are living in the 'end times'. The Lord has risen and ascended to heaven. The Master, the Lord is away - but He will return. That is the next event. It could be anytime, we don't know when, he will come like a thief in the night, He will come without warning.

The parables of the ten virgins just before is about watching out and being ready for the master's sudden arrival. Some were ready, the wise ones, and some were not ready, the foolish ones. The foolish ones were left outside of the great wedding feast - while the wise ones went in.

This parable tells us what we should be doing while we watch for his return. We should be busy in what the Lord has given each of us, you and I to do.

The next passage v31 onwards is about what will happen on the Day the master returns. A great separation will take place. A separation based on what each group did for the Lord. A separating out of those who didn't do what they should do - and those who did do what they should do. The first group go off to eternal punishment - while the second to enjoy eternal life.

The Lord's return is imminent. Do not be found sleeping. Use your time and gifts for the Lord, so that when he appears you will not be ashamed at his coming - but rejoice in it. Now is the time to say **"I can do - and I will do!"**

Who is this addressing?

He **called his servants** In other words it is for all who follow Jesus. Those who declare Christ as Lord are his servants, Christians are His servants.

A servant serves, - doing the work he or she is given to do. Are you His servant? If so you will be doing what he has entrusted you to do.

The Master **entrusted his property to them. 15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent,**

A talent is a weight, value was measured in weight. It still is **hence the £**. Most precious things are measured in weight. A talent was the weight of precious metal maybe silver or gold, the weight = the sum of money.

⇒ **The owner is entrusting the value of his property or his estate.**

We are all tenants. However much fruit the vineyard bears it's the King's. Even my ability is of God because he is the Giver of all things, he is the source of all things. All we have is from God, except my sins, that's mine.

The unbeliever will not acknowledge that what they have is from the Lord. That is the Lord's great charge against mankind that **although they knew God, - they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him.** Ro 1:21

This parable tells us this very pointedly; for every person acknowledges that his talents come from the Lord. Even the man who hid his Lord's money in the earth did not deny that his talent belonged to the Lord; in his impertinent response he said, 'Master,' ... **'I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'**

15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. The Lord made you and He knows you. He knows each of us completely through and through and so as our all knowing creator he correctly assigns his money, **to one five, to another two, to another one, each according to his ability.**

The talent is not our ability, our talents are given **each according to his ability**

■ **We often say this or that man or woman is talented. Those athletes most talented are at the Olympics in Paris. "Britain's got talent" show**

The talent is not the ability but the work to do with that ability – and in proportion to that ability. He has given to you what is just right for you.

The more your gifting, the more he gives you to do, the less your gifting the less he has for you to do. In every respect, it's a perfect match, tailor made, bespoke, just for you.

■ **So someone with much ability might be given the task of running a Mission organization. Or maybe being the captain of an OM ship.**

The more your gifting - the more the responsibility, the more is expected.

Now you probably don't see yourself as very gifted. You may not be a five talent man or woman, yes there will be fewer of those, maybe you see yourself as a two talent man or woman or maybe the one talent.

■ **Crusader game lined up in height order matching the opponent.**

The Lord has sovereignly decided who will receive what. He does so because he knows what he wants you to do with it. He created you for this purpose. **For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.** Eph 2:10 yes each of us.

A Christian is to do good works because Jesus did. Peter speaking at Cornelius' house said: **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good** Ac 10:38

Jesus did what He was to do. He said: **I always do what pleases him.** Joh 8:29

I love the Father and I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. Joh 14:31

As it was a mark of Christ on earth, so it is a mark of Christ's people too.

So let's get to work!

16 **The man who had received the five talents went at once x2 and put his money to work and gained five more.** 17 **So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.**

Each one did what they should - and could do. There was no conflict here.

It is not that the highly gifted woman only had to partially use her gifts, and the lower gifted be expected to do more than he could, an obvious mismatch. When much is given much is expected. When less is given less is expected. The Lord does not expect most of us to run an empire!

- Wes is heading for retirement, and knowing I have been in the mission for 30 years asked me if I felt I was being lead towards being the director. No. This was an easy question for me. Although one should not quickly say 'No', I know the Lord has not called me to direct a Mission. What the Lord has called me to do, I will do.
- It is a good question to ask - I know the Lord has called me to do local door to door visiting. He has called me to talk to people on the street. This I will do, and as I am able - I will continue to do.

I believe He has given me just what I need for what he would have me do.

Do you know what He has called you to do? Everyone servant of the Lord has been given a job to do, a work to do. There is something you are to do, and are able to do. Something He wants you alone to do. Remember if you are a Christian then you **are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for YOU to do.** Eph 2:10

Are you good at admin? cooking? befriending? practical/technical, driving?

Doing what he has called me to do is where I experience joy. You will too know that if you haven't already. If you do not have that joy, it will be due to disobedience. A resistance to do what he has called you to do.

The problem is when we look at others and make comparisons..

- I am the only one saved in my family and I wonder why did he chose me the least gifted of all my brothers and sisters?

That is wrong thinking, The Lord in His Sovereign grace knows what he is doing. It is fatal to compare your ability - with the ability of others.

Do you see yourself as less able? Then relax, there are many more at this end of the scale than the other!

The gifted stand out, it can't be hidden. And when they do things they make a splash and many applaud them, the results are there for all to see.

But you are not that other person. There is a warning here:

- It is good to read Christian biographies, but it's easy to think 'wow' I could never be like that, William Carey learning all those languages.
- Charles Colson set up a worldwide prison ministry. But he was the presidential aid and a gifted man. He could do it - and he did do it. Praise God for these great works for the kingdom. But don't think that because I can't do that - then I can't do anything.
- In Chicago DL Moody made a huge impact for the kingdom there and in the whole of the USA, but he was also naturally extremely gifted.

⇒ **No, I can't do that, you can't do that, - God is not calling you to do that.**

Do not then say, "there's not much I can do, I'm not very gifted, I am not like that person".

We may not be a five, or even a two, maybe only a one talent person. But however much you are entrusted with you can grow it, make something of it

He is calling you to do what he wants you to do with the gifts he has given you. The Mission CEO is no more important in the Lord's economy than the office worker - or office cleaner.

- Bible translation work is highly skilled and not for most of us. But Gweno, a lady here a few years ago, beavered away doing the most mundane work of proof reading it. It's mundane, but it's important. She worked and worked, she worked hard, she gave herself tirelessly.

It is clear this is what the Lord called her to do, the Lord had entrusted this work to her, not you, not me, but her. That was her work.

Some are Apostles, some are pastors, some are teachers, some are mums teaching their own children at home, a quiet trainer of her family. **I was talking to Joshua about Mary Slessor who under God was a powerful force in transforming Nigeria**, another woman may be used of the Lord in giving years teaching in a Sunday School. There is no unemployment with the Lord, he has planned every job, with the right person to fill every job.

What has the Lord for you? - then do it. Say **“I can do - and I will do!”**

It's important for the Lord will soon return

There will be a Day, when the Lord returns, A Day of settling accounts. ¹⁹ **After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.** ²⁰ **The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’** ²¹ **“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’**

The Lord judges fairly based on how they laboured ²² **“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’** ²³ **“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’**

The same reward. The reward is based faithfulness, doing what you could, it is not based on how great it appeared. Those with five talents and those with just two, both ran well, invested well, served well and received the same commendation **‘Well done, good and faithful servant!** for the same effort –and also the same reward - note the same wording.

The day of judgment will reveal the quality of our work. You will be tried without any reference to your station. The prince will be summoned to give an account of his talents, and side by side must stand his slave. The mightiest Emperor must stand at God's bar, so too the lowly farm worker. All of us must appear and be tried according to the deeds we have done.

⇒ **God will judge according to how we have used our ability, - the more given - the more will be demanded, the less given - the less demanded.**

Even a few talents must be accounted for.

Now this is where the sin comes in.

■ **Some of you think “well I am not a William Carey, I am not a George Verwer I am just little old me”. There not much I can do.**

Now that is sin. That is to be like ¹⁸ **the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.**

You think I don’t want to mess up, I don’t want to have a go and fail, I don’t want to be embarrassed. So I better just leave it. With what the Lord has given you – you do nothing. This is sin. And sin is rebelliousness.

²⁴ **“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’**

Who here has professed faith in Christ and yet will not serve the master. “I will do nothing with the talent, I will bury it! This is what I decided, this is what I did. God is a hard taskmaster, he can have it back”. Do you see God as hard and unfairly always wanting more? Some instead of doing what they can realizing that it is the Lord’s - dig their heels in. No, I won’t do it.

The mark of a sinner is that they grudge anything to God. God, in their view, is hard, cruel, unjust. They are never willing to be liberal towards him, but are stinted and close. Any ‘giving’ is not out of love but done with a hard, begrudging heart. In my sin I transposes my hardness onto God, He’s the bad man. Here’s the original talent, that’s all your claim.

Do nothing with it and you invite the Lord’s anger. ²⁶ **His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! The Lord knows the truth behind our excuses! you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.**

wicked & lazy Christ is saying that there will be no excuse for the indolence of those who both conceal the gifts of God, and waste their time in idleness.

Who here today denies your obligations to God, do you toss your head at the very mention of obedience to you Creator? Do you spend your time, effort and ability for your own ends rather than in His service? If that is you

then confess it and turn from it. Look to the cross and the perfect life, one lived in full obedience to the Lord God. Do that now and start to live a life of repentance and faith. Show your faith by your good deeds.

Fail in this duty and obligation and you will find no reward. Even what you think you have will be taken from you. **28 “Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. 29 For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, outside of and away from the bright lights of the banqueting house. Banished from the kingdom of God, cast out into darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”**

You may think yourselves so little, but your making yourselves insignificant will not excuse you. You have had but little entrusted to you! Then the less trouble for you to make use of your talents.

At the judgment it will be personal; God will not ask you what your church did—he will ask you what you did yourself. [Can you serve in Sunday school? Can you help with the building, painting, the website? Can you help with admin, sort out the utilities, the Child protection processes. visit the elderly?](#) The Lord will ask “what did you do with your little?”

[As the tiny shells make up the chalk hills, and the chalk hills together make up the range, so the trifling actions make up the large whole.](#)

You had an hour to spare the other day—what did you do? You have a voice—how did you use it? You have gifts specifically given to you as God has determined – therefore he knows you and what you can do, Do what he has entrusted to you to do. Whatever your ability, do what you are able to do and the Lord will commend you and receive you gladly. He who is give a charge must prove faithful. May we all say **“I can do - and I will do!”**

END

才幹的比喻

開經經。

聖詩 MP 631 告訴我的靈魂主的偉大讚美和感恩的禱告。

經文 尼希米記 9:5b – 21 (第 493 頁)

兒童談話書舒婷

唱詩班 MP 244 我們所敬拜的神是多麼良善。

通知夏季外展，工黨，

國會議員、米德蘭福音夥伴週三、週日茶會、羅塔

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禱告與主禱文

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訊息“我能做到——而且我會做到！”

聖詩 MP 126 面對未完成的任務

結束祈禱

禱告

撒母耳三週前開始了他的新工作，感謝你們的禱告。在被帶去參觀之後，他被告知他將要做什麼。每項工作不都是如此嗎？無論生活的哪個領域都是一樣的，軍隊、醫療產業、莊園園丁、工廠工人等等，當你加入時，你會被告知你的角色是什麼——以及你要做什麼。

基督徒也是如此。我們什麼都不做，這是一個非常奇怪的想法！

我們的敵人會喜歡這樣，周圍的世界也會鼓勵它。

我們周遭的世界並不認為工作是一種樂趣，而是一種苦差事、一種負擔，是一種應該盡量避免的事情。快樂的星期五 -

和悲傷的星期一。無阻礙的休閒是目標。然而，不工作就意味著不那麼人性化。亞當和夏娃並沒有被安排在水池裡坐在雞尾酒吧旁邊的幾張躺椅上，而是被安排在水池裡工作。去工作，去享受做事，看到其中的進步，並看到其中主人的快樂。

耶穌講了一個關於人們在市場上閒逛的比喻。祂呼召他們不再無所事事，來到祂的葡萄園工作。筆記：如果你今天是基督徒，主就呼召你到祂的葡萄園工作。

祂召喚你遠離那些先前佔據你的思想和時間的東西——這些東西沒有持久的價值——來培育葡萄樹，從祂的葡萄園裡看到具有永恆價值的果實。

□ 今天的標題是：“我能做到——而且我會做到！” x2

這個比喻從第 14 節開始，耶穌說：「（他講的是天國，見第 1 節）就像一個人行路，第 15 節他就上路了。

當主人不在時，我們被託付了一些東西。這就是馬太福音 23-25

章整個部分的背景。這是耶穌在馬太福音中五個教導區塊中的最後一個。它被稱為“末世論”，即關於末

日。我們活在「末世」。主已經復活並升天了。師父，主不在了——但他會再來。那是下一個事件。或許在任何時候，我們不知道什麼時候，他會像夜間的小偷一樣來，他會毫無預警地來。

剛才十個童女的比喻是關於警戒和準備主人突然到來的。有些人已經準備好了，是明智的人；有些人還沒準備好，是愚蠢的人。愚蠢的人被留在盛大的婚宴之外，而聰明的人則進去了。

這個比喻告訴我們在等待祂再來的時候該做什麼。我們應該忙於主交給我們每個人，你和我要做的事情。

從第 31

章開始的下一段是關於主人回來之日將發生的事情。一場偉大的分離將會發生。根據每個小組為主所做的事情而分開。將那些沒有做他們應該做的事情的人和那些做了他們應該做的事情的人分開。第一組人受到永恆的懲罰，而第二組人則享受永生。

主的再來已經迫在眉睫了。不要被發現正在睡覺。把你的時間和恩賜奉獻給主，這樣當他出現時，你就不會因他的到來而感到羞愧——而是為此感到高興。現在是時候說“我能做到——而且我會做到！”

這個地址是誰？

他稱他的僕人為所有跟隨耶穌的人。那些宣告基督為主的人是祂的僕人，基督徒是祂的僕人。

僕人服務—做他或她被賦予做的工作。你是祂的僕人嗎？如果是這樣，你就會做他委託你做的事情。

主人把他的財產託付給他們。 15

給一個人五他連得銀子，又給另一個他連得兩銀子，又給另一個人一他連得銀子，才華就是重量，價值是用重量來衡量的。因此它仍然是英鎊。最珍貴的東西都是用重量來衡量的。人才是貴金屬（可能是銀或金）的重量，重量=金錢的總和。

□ 業主委託其財產或遺產的價值。

我們都是租客。無論葡萄園結出多少果實，它都是國王的。甚至我的能力也是來自上帝，因為祂是萬物的賜予者，祂是萬物的源頭。我們所擁有的一切都來自上帝，除了我的罪孽，那是我的。

不信的人不會承認他們所擁有的都是從主而來的。這是主對人類的重大責備，儘管他們認識神，但他們既不把他當作神來榮耀他，也不感謝他。羅 1:21

這個比喻非常尖銳地告訴我們這一點；因為每個人都承認他的才能是來自主。即使是把主的錢財藏在地裡的人，也不否認他的才華屬於主；他無禮地回答：“老師，”...“我很害怕，就出去把您的才華藏在地裡。”看，這就是屬於你的東西。

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他給一個人五他連得銀子，另一個他連得二他連得，又一個他連得銀子，各按著他的能力。主創造了你，祂認識你。祂完全了解我們每個人，因此我們的一切另一人，各根據自己的能力。

天賦不是我們的能力，我們的天賦是根據祂的能力給予的

我們常說這個或那個男人或女人有才華。那些最有才華的運動員都在巴黎奧運會上。

“英國達人秀”

天賦不是能力，而是利用這種能力所做的工作——並且與這種能力成比例。他已經給了你最適合你的東西。

你的恩賜越多，他給你做的事就越多，你的恩賜越少，他給你做的事就越少。從各個方面來說，它都是完美的搭配，量身定制，專為您量身定制。

因此，有能力的人可能會被賦予管理宣教組織的任務。或者也許是 OM 船的船長。

你的禮物越多，責任就越多，期望就越多。

現在你可能不認為自己很有天賦。你可能不是一個擁有五項天賦的男人或女人，是的，這樣的人會更少，也許你認為自己是一個擁有兩個天賦的男人或女人，或者也許是一個天賦。

十字軍遊戲按照與對手相符的高度順序排列。

主已主權決定誰將接受什麼。他這樣做是因為他知道他想讓你用它做什麼。他為此目的創造了你。因為我們是上帝的傑作，在基督耶穌裡創造的，為的是要我們行善，這是上帝預先為我們準備好的。以弗所書 2:10 是的，我們每一個人。

基督徒應該行善，因為耶穌做了善事。彼得在哥尼流家裡講話說：神用聖靈和能力膏拿撒勒人耶穌，以及他如何周流四方行善 徒 10:38

耶穌做了他要做的事。他說：我總是做他高興的事。 約 8:29

我愛天父，我完全按照天父的命令去做。約 14:31

正如它是基督在地上的印記一樣，它也是基督子民的印記。

那麼就讓我們開始工作吧！

16 收到五塔蘭特的人立刻去用他的錢去工作，又賺了五塔蘭特。 17

這樣，有二他連得的人又多得了二他連得。

每個人都做了自己該做的事——而且能夠做到的。這裡並沒有發生衝突。

這並不是說才華橫溢的女性只需部分使用她的天賦，而天賦較低的女性則應該比他做得更多，這是一個明顯的現象不匹配。當給予很多時，就會有很多期望。當給予較少時，預期就會減少。主不期望我們大多數人經營一個帝國！

韋斯即將退休，知道我已經在傳教區工作了 30

年，他問我是否覺得自己被引導去擔任主任。不，這對我來說是一個簡單的問題。雖然人們不應該很快說“不”，但我知道主並沒有呼召我指揮一項使命。主呼召我做什麼，我就做什麼。

這是一個很好的問題——我知道上主呼召我到當地挨家挨戶探訪。他打電話給我，要我和街上的人交談。我會這麼做，並且盡我所能——我會繼續這麼做。

我相信他已經給了我我所需要的，來完成他要我做的事。

你知道祂呼召你做什麼嗎？主的每個僕人都被賦予了一份工作要做，一項工作要做。有一些事情是你要做的，並且是你能夠做的。有些事他要你單獨做。請記住，如果您是基督徒，那麼您就是上帝的傑作，在基督耶穌裡創造的，是為了行善，這是上帝預先為您準備好的。以弗所書 2:10

你擅長管理嗎？烹飪？交朋友？實用/技術，駕駛？

做他叫我做的事是我體驗到快樂的地方。如果你還不知道的話，你也會知道的。如果你沒有這樣的喜樂，那是因為不順服。抗拒做他要做你的事。

問題是當我們看著別人並進行比較時..

我是家裡唯一得救的人，我想知道為什麼祂選擇我作為所有兄弟姊妹中最沒有天賦的一個？這是錯誤的想法，主以祂至高的恩典知道祂在做什麼。將自己的能力與他人的能力進行比較是致命的。你認為自己能力較差嗎？然後放鬆一下，天平這一端的數量比另一端的多很多！有天賦的人脫穎而出，無法隱藏。當他們做事時，他們會引起轟動，許多人為他們鼓掌，結果是所有人都看到的。

但你不是那個人。這裡有一個警告：

閱讀基督教傳記很好，但很容易想到「哇」我永遠不會像那樣，威廉凱裡學習所有這些語言。

查爾斯·科爾森建立了一個全球監獄事工。但他是總統的助手，也是一個有天賦的人。他可以做到——而且他確實做到了。為神國度的這些偉大工作而讚美神。但不要認為因為我做不到——那我就什麼都做不了。

在芝加哥，DL 穆迪對當地的王國和整個美國產生了巨大的影響，但他也天生極具天賦。

· 不，我不能那樣做，你也不能那樣做，- 神沒有呼召你那樣做。

然後不要說：「我無能為力，我不是很有天賦，我不像那個人」。

我們可能不是五人，甚至不是二人，也許只是一人。但無論你被託付多少，你都可以讓它成長，利用它祂正在呼召你用祂給你的禮物做祂要你做的事。在主的經濟中，宣教執行長並不比辦公室職員或辦公室清潔工更重要。

聖經翻譯工作需要很高的技術含量，但不適合我們大多數人。但格維諾，幾年前這裡的一位女士，卻忙著做最平凡的校對工作。這很平凡，但很重要。她工作又工作，她努力工作，她孜孜不倦地奉獻自己。

很明顯，這就是主呼召她去做的事，主把這項工作託付給了她，不是你，不是我，而是她。那是她的工作。

有些是使徒，有些是牧師，有些是教師，有些是在家教導自己孩子的媽媽，是家庭的安靜教練。我正在和約書亞談論瑪麗·斯萊索，她在上帝的帶領下是改變尼日利亞的強大力量，另一個女人可能會被主使用在主日學校任教多年。主不存在失業，他已計劃好每項工作，並安排合適的人來填補每項工作。

主給你什麼？- 那就去做吧。說“我能做到——而且我會做到！”

重要的是主很快就回來了

主再來的時候，會有一個清算的日子。19 過了許久，僕人的主人回來了，和他們算帳。20 收到五他連得的人帶來了另外的五他連得。他說：“師父，您託付了我五才。”看，我又賺到了五個。和你的主人分享快樂吧！

耶和華根據他們的勞苦來公平地審判。塔蘭特。' 23 「他的主人回答說：

「幹得好，善良而忠誠的僕人！你在某些事情上一直很忠誠；我會讓你負責很多事情。快來分享你主人的快樂吧！

同樣的獎勵。回報是基於忠誠，盡你所能，而不是基於它看起來有多偉大。有五才幹和只有二才幹的人，都經營得好，投入得好，服務得好，都受到同樣的嘉獎：“幹得好，良善而忠實的僕人！”對於同樣的努力——也同樣的回報——注意同樣的措詞。

審判日將揭示我們工作的品質。您將在沒有任何參考您的電台的情況下接受審判。太子將被召來交代他的才幹，並列必須立著他的奴隸。最強大的皇帝必須站在上帝的審判台上，卑微的農場工人也必須站在上帝的審判台上。我們所有人都必須出現，並根據我們所做的事接受審判。

上帝會根據我們如何使用我們的能力來判斷，給予的越多，要求的就越多，給予的越少，要求的就越少。

即使是少數人才也必須佔。

現在這就是罪進來的地方。

你們中的一些人認為「好吧，我不是威廉·凱裡（William Carey），我不是喬治·維爾沃（George Verwer），我只是老了一些」。我無能為力。

現在那是罪孽。是說，就像18歲那人收到一他連得後，就走開，在地上挖了一個洞，藏起了他主人的錢。

你認為我不想搞砸，我不想嘗試並失敗，我不想感到尷尬。所以我最好還是離開它。有了主給你的東西——你什麼都不做。這是罪孽。罪就是叛逆。

24 那領一他連得的人來了。的才華藏在地裡，看，這就是屬於你的。

這裡的人自稱信仰基督，卻不願意事奉主人。

「我不會對天賦做任何事，我會把它埋葬！這就是我的決定，這就是我所做的。上帝是一位嚴厲的監工，他可以把它拿回來」。你是否認為上帝總是嚴厲且不公平地想要更多？有些人並沒有去做他們能意識到這是主的事情，而是固執己見。

罪人的標誌是他們對神懷恨在心。在他們看來，上帝是冷酷、殘酷、不公義的。他們從來不願意對他大方，而是吝嗇、親近。任何「給予」都不是出於愛，而是出於一顆冷酷、嫉妒的心。在我的罪中，我將自己的冷酷轉嫁到上帝身上，祂是壞人。這是原創天賦，這就是你的全部主張。

如果不採取任何行動，就會招致主的憤怒。 26

他的主人回答說：『你這又惡又懶的僕人！主知道我們藉口背後的真相！你知道我在沒有播種的地方收穫，在沒有撒種的地方收穫嗎？那麼，你應該把我的錢存入銀行，這樣當我回來時，我就能連本帶利地收回來。

邪惡而懶惰的基督是在說，那些既隱藏上帝的恩賜又在無所事事中浪費時間的人的懶惰是沒有任何藉口的。

今天在座的誰否認你對上帝的義務，一提到服從你的造物主，你會搖頭嗎？你是否將你的時間、精力和能力用於你自己的目的而不是為祂服務？如果是這樣，那麼你就承認它並轉身離開它。仰望十字架和完

美的生活，一個人完全順服主神。現在就這樣做，開始過著悔改和信心的生活。用你的善行來表達你的信仰。

如果不履行此職責和義務，您將得不到任何回報。即使你認為你擁有的東西也會被奪走。 28

「把他的那一塔蘭特奪走，交給那有十塔蘭特的人。 29

因為凡有的，還要加給他，叫他有餘。凡沒有的，連他所有的也要奪去。 30

把那個無用的僕人扔到外面的黑暗中，遠離宴會廳的明亮燈光。被逐出上帝的國度，被扔進黑暗裡，那裡將會哀哭切齒。

你可能認為自己很渺小，但是你讓自己變得微不足道並不能成為你的藉口。你所受的託付卻很少！那麼你在發揮自己的才能時就會少一些麻煩。

判決時，這將是個人的；神不會問你你的教會做了什麼－祂會問你自己做了什麼。你可以在主日學服事嗎？你能幫忙建造、油漆、網站嗎？您能協助管理、整理公用事業、兒童保護流程嗎？拜訪老人？……。主會問：“你對你的孩子做了什麼？”

正如微小的貝殼組成了粉筆山，而粉筆山組成了山脈，同樣，微小的動作也構成了大的整體。

那天你有一個小時的空閒時間——你做了什麼？你有自己的聲音——

你是如何使用它的？你擁有上帝所決定的特別賜給你的恩賜——

因此他知道你和你能做什麼，做他託付給你做的事。無論你的能力如何，盡你所能，主就會稱讚你並樂意接納你。受委託的人必須表現出忠誠。願我們都能說“我能做到——而且我會做到！” END