

Principle

Math 25: 21, 23, 29

why not bigger work = that's all you capable of right now. But don't worry you reward me same as Criswell = why do we seek bigger?

- Different gifts, same reward

1- They are sovereign & purposely given - not arbitrary but according to will of master
the master's judgment was justified in the one-talent servant.

2- ϕ doesn't measure us - the capacity to receive will also be the ability to administer, exercise
- according to ability = no equality of ability in Kingdom.

3- They are given, not as blessings to be enjoyed but to be employed = not to be enjoyed or exalted but employed. No enjoyment comes from employment & master's well-doing.

4- Right use of them, increases them

5- Wickedness is total laziness

Calvin Keller = Joy = gifts ϕ has given me -

6- The Reward: Share your master's Joy = are you able to share the master's joy?

1- Faithful in few things = One servant w/ 5 talents was still called "few things." However great it may seem to us - it is "few"

Few things: the present duty - at-hand obligations

Few things = notice that was ϕ 's description of it - it was big to the servant - the one talent man thought it so big he hid it afraid to lose it - too valuable to lose it, use it.

- Don't worry so much about wasting your talent, you don't use it. I know some men who have never found a church worthy of their one talent ministry

"Anything worth doing is worth doing badly"

2. No one is left empty-handed; no one is overloaded.

according to ability = ϕ not interested in affirmative action
no responsibility to increase ability = ϕ didn't call me to teach Greek

reward the same? pick 6 bushels for \$20, 12

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→ The lord pays the same for 1 bale of hay as for 10 =
Why want to bale 10?

Few Things - O of little things

- 1- Real test of faithfulness - present duty
- 2- why? according to ability
- 3- notice - both 5 & 2 talents are called "few things"
- 4- That was O's description of it - Big to them - too big to take a chance of losing
- 5- → not so great can't be risked - some never find a church worth their talent
- 6- reward is the same - O pays same for 1 bale of hay as 10 bales

3rd servant - hid in ground & accepted method of saving - "you have what was yours" He was not apologizing, offering an excuse. thought he had done a good thing, protecting the lord's possession - maintained status quo - you have what is yours - & no more > too careful - would not risk his neck to bring the lord more - He took a practical, analytical view of the ministry - He did what accepted custom approved of & no less, no more.

Sermon Notes:

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