The Talents — Matthew 25:14–30

These questions follow the central emphasis of your sermon: **being prepared for Christ's return means faithfully using what God has entrusted to us rather than simply waiting for Him to return.**

1. **What has God already placed in your life—time, abilities, relationships, resources, or opportunities—that you could begin using for Him right now?**

2. The third servant chose **security over service** and buried what his master gave him. What fears might keep you from using what God has given you?

3. Why do you think God cares more about our **faithfulness with what we have** than comparing what we have with someone else?

4. What is one small opportunity to serve God or another person that you may have overlooked because it did not seem important enough?

5. If Jesus asked you today, **"What are you doing with what I have given you?"** how would you answer Him?

Deeper Questions

1. The servants received different amounts according to their abilities, yet the faithful servants received the same praise: **"Well done, good and faithful servant."** What does this reveal about how God measures spiritual success compared with how we often measure it?

2. The third servant did not lose the master's talent—he simply neglected it. **How can spiritual neglect be just as dangerous as obvious disobedience, particularly for someone who has followed Christ for many years?**

3. Your sermon identifies **time, treasure, and talent** as areas of stewardship. If you honestly evaluated all three, which one are you investing most faithfully for God's kingdom, and which one needs greater surrender?

4. How can comparing our gifts, ministries, accomplishments, or opportunities with those of other Christians cause us either to become prideful or to bury what God has entrusted to us?

5. The sermon asks us not to wait for a bigger opportunity, better gift, or more important assignment. **What might God accomplish through the Church if every believer faithfully used what they already have, exactly where God has placed them?**

Closing Discussion Question

When the Master returns, the question will not be, "How much did you have?" but, "What did you do with what I gave you?" If you knew Christ were returning soon, what would you begin doing differently with what He has already entrusted to you?