

Are you Ready?  
Don't waste  
your talents!

Matthew 25:14-30



# Use what you have been given

- vs 15 – Each servant was given “ According to ability”
- It was not really about the amount that they were being given! We are all “Built Different!” It is how we use what we have!
- Two of the servants respond quickly – They show themselves ready!
- What has God put in your hands?
- Are you being a good steward?
- *Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*





A shovel is stuck upright in the ground next to a pile of old, worn books. The scene is set in a dark, dug-up area, possibly a grave or a hidden place, with grass visible on the right side. The shovel's head is buried in the soil, and the books are stacked haphazardly next to it.

## Fear buries, faith invests

- “I was afraid” (v.25)
- He sees the master as harsh
- A distorted view of God can lead to inactivity.
- Fear of failure, criticism, or risk produces spiritual paralysis
- Are you hiding because of fear, past hurt, comparison, or perfectionism?

# This life is preparation

- “After a long time, the master returned” (v.19) – There is waiting but there is also an end!
- The delay is not wasted time—it’s entrusted time
- What we do now matters then
- “You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many thing” Mt 25:21
- Your faithfulness will see a reward!





# Response

- The question is not what talent do I have? But.. Have you buried your talent?
- Is fear burying or faith investing in your life?
- One thing you need to invest in –
  - A gift
  - A calling
  - A step of obedience
- How will you respond?

