



Daily Verse and Comment

Matthew 25:15

(15) Now to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one; he *gave* to each one according to his own ability, and immediately left the country.

A Faithful Version

To a few chosen servants, [God](#) gives five talents to fulfill special needs in the church. These may be evangelists, pastors, or teachers, and their knowledge of spiritual truths along with their gift to preach carries great responsibility ([James 3:1](#)). As a result, God expects more of them than others less gifted ([Romans 12:6](#); [Ephesians 4:11-12](#); [Luke 12:48](#)).

Perhaps most members of God's church have two talents. They may be deacons with a natural desire to serve the church in physical ways. Maybe they are those who give opening and closing prayers or have a musical talent to help others offer up praise to God the Father and [Jesus Christ](#). They may have a gift in organizing activities or in helping children or the elderly. As gifts, these are somewhat less notable than the more evident ones ([Romans 12:8](#)).

The servant with one talent describes the potential sluggard in Christ's service ([Proverbs 6:6](#)). Yet those of us who have the least must serve God with what we have, and if we serve Him faithfully with the little He has given, honor and reward will be ours. We must support the church in less noticeable yet vital ways, such as in prayer, encouragement, contributions, and positive attitudes ([Acts 12:5](#); [Luke 11:9-13](#)).

— Martin G. Collins

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