SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14–30

The Parable of the Bags of Gold · NIV

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to
them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each
according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold
went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags
of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground
and hid his master's money.

19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The
man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me
with five bags of gold. 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!' 22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he
said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; 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!' 24 "Then the man who had received
one bag of gold 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 gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown
and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 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. 28 "'So take the
bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more,
and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from
them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.'

SERMON NOTES · "HOW ARE YOUR TALENTS?"

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"Create in Me a Clean Heart" · "Go Light Your World" "Standing on the Promises of God" · "Wonderful Merciful Savior"	
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Psalm 123 / Prayers of the People	*Fitzgerald Bailey*
Reading of Matthew 25:14–30	
Sermon: "How are Your Talents?"	*Pastor Jonathan Browne*
Communion	*Pastor Jonathan Browne*
Song	*"Our God"*
Offertory / Announcements	*Pastor John Newsom*
Song	*"Come Jesus Come"*
Benediction	*Lourdes Docteur-Bailey*

BENEDICTION

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 'Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?' 'Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?' For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."

Romans 11:33–36

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"How are Your Talents?"

Pastor Jonathan Browne · Matthew 25:14–30

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"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!"

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

Full reading of Matthew 25:14–30 on the back.

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