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Becoming
Missional
with My
Abilities



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- *from missional
being only
overseas to
wherever I am
planted*
- *from periodic
to perpetual*



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- from a calling being limited to pastors and missionaries

to encompassing any vocation or avocation



Raise up your students to hear my voice, to go where my light is seen dim, where my voice is heard small, and my healing power is not known, even to the uttermost bounds of the earth. Their work will exceed yours, and in that I am well pleased.

-- Oral Roberts

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The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30



Matthew 25:14-15

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.



Monetary Values

Mina = 100 days' wages

Talent = 60 Minas

Minimum wage (\$7.25/hr)

Talent = \$348,000

2 Talents = \$696,000

5 Talents = \$1,740,000



Matthew 25:16-18

16 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.

17 So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.

18 But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.



Matthew 25:19-23

19 After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

20 The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. 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 the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; 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!'

Matthew 25:24-27

24 Then the man who had received the one talent 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 talent 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.'

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- The man's perspective – difficult circumstances
 - Unreasonable master
 - Fearful
- Master's perspective
 - Wicked
 - Lazy
- Master's advice
 - Should have gone to someone that knew what to do (banker)



Matthew 25:28-30

28 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.

29 For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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- Those that engage in the opportunity given get more opportunities
- Those that reject the opportunity given not only lose out on future opportunities, but are cast out from the master's presence



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- *From being about the servants that received 5 and 2 talents*
- *To a greater understanding about the servant that received 1 talent*



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- Many more of us given 1 talent than 5 talents
- We would see the Church explode if those given 1 talent would put that talent to use for the Master

