

**The Parable of the Talents – Reward (Matt. 25:14-23) 5/5/2019**

**Context**

Scripture is filled with admonitions to take advantage of \_\_\_\_\_ while it is available.

The tragedy of \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity is the theme of Jesus' parable of the talents.

The parable of the virgins focuses on readiness manifested in \_\_\_\_\_.

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**The Responsibilities We Receive**

The kingdom of heaven refers to the \_\_\_\_\_, outward body of those who \_\_\_\_\_ to know and serve Christ.

His own slaves distinguishes these who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves Christian from the rest of \_\_\_\_\_ who are not associated with Jesus.

Called =

Entrusted =

Talents =

He intimately knows each one's \_\_\_\_\_ and weaknesses, and is not requiring more than they can \_\_\_\_\_.

Interpretative notes:

Christians with different \_\_\_\_\_ and opportunities may produce differing \_\_\_\_\_ while working with \_\_\_\_\_ faithfulness and devotion.

**The Reactions We Should Have**

Immediately =

Traded =

Like both of these men, every \_\_\_\_\_ should demonstrate supreme \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord by making the most of what they have, by maximizing every \_\_\_\_\_ available.

**The Rewards of the Faithful**

Luke 17:10 – “So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy slaves; we have done *only* that which we ought to have done.’”

Faithful =

All believers should be considered faithful, trustworthy, \_\_\_\_\_ to our roles, duties, commitments and \_\_\_\_\_ to Him in and through the \_\_\_\_\_ church.

Not only will the Lord entrust greater \_\_\_\_\_ tasks to those who prove themselves \_\_\_\_\_, but their heavenly reward will be opportunity for greater \_\_\_\_\_ to Him throughout eternity.

Of the many things heaven will be, it will not be \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of each person's heavenly service will have been determined by the \_\_\_\_\_ of their earthly service.

Joy =

While responsibilities will be rewarded based on \_\_\_\_\_ on earth, divine joy will be an \_\_\_\_\_, perfect blessing rewarded to all who are His.