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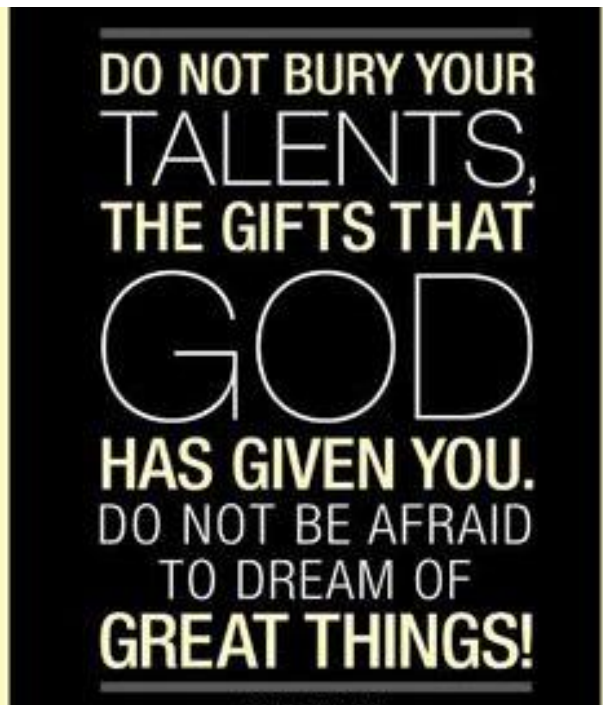
READING – Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



PRAYER

Lord, help us not to be like the unfaithful servant who buried what You provided. Instead, give us the courage and wisdom to be good and faithful stewards, actively investing in Your Kingdom until You return. Grant us hearts of obedience and the grace to use our talents to bless others and bring honour to Your name.

AMEN



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You spoke of a master leaving his home
Entrusting his servants, before he was gone
To one five talents, to one he gave two
To another just one, each a gift from You.

You call us all to live by faith
To work with love, not hide in shame
The measures yours that trust is real
What You've begun, Lord You'll fulfil

*The talents You gave, Lord I'll lay at Your feet.
Use them for Your Glory, Your work complete
It's not my strength but Your Grace displayed
Working through the Talents that You gave.*

The faithful ones rose early to go
Investing their gifts so the kingdom will grow
They trusted Your hand to guide the return
Not knowing how, but eager to learn

Yet one was afraid and buried his share
Holding it tight to frozen to care
Don't let fear withhold the gifts You've placed in me
Lead me to use them all, Lord for Your glory

The talents You gave,

You are the giver, You are the gain
The harvest will bloom, in Jesus name
Every return, every soul that's restored
Is born of Your Spirit, It's not my reward.

The master returns to settle it all
The faithful rejoice, they answer his call
You've been true with little, now enter my joy
The words that forever, our hearts will enjoy

So with what I have I'll serve and believe
You work through my hands, through all I achieve
When life is done and I see Your face
May I hear well done, by Your mercy and Grace

*The talents You gave, Lord I'll lay at Your feet.
Use them for Your Glory, Your work complete
Until that day my faith You'll sustain
And I'll return to You, the talents You gave.*