

# Stewardship of Talents

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## Summary of the Message

This week we explored how God has given each person unique talents and abilities, and He expects us to use them. The sermon emphasized that stewardship isn't about being perfect—it's about recognizing what God has given us and using it for His glory and others' benefit. Communion reminded us that Jesus used His gifts (teaching, miracles, love) and sacrificed them for us, calling us to do the same.

Main verse: Matthew 25:21

Main points:

1. God has given you talents for a purpose
  - a. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6
  - b. Romans 12:6-8
2. Faithfulness with small things leads to greater responsibility
  - a. Luke 16:10
3. Fear and comparison are the enemies of talent stewardship
  - a. Matthew 25:24-25
  - b. 2 Timothy 1:7
  - c. 1 John 4:18
4. Your talents are meant to multiply, not diminish
  - a. Matthew 25:16-17
  - b. Proverbs 12:27
  - c. Colossians 3:17

## Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. What's one talent or skill that comes naturally to you?
2. Do you think your talents matter? On a scale of 1-10, how valuable do you think your gifts are?
3. When was the last time someone told you they appreciated one of your talents? How did it make you feel?

## Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

1. Pastor Israel said some talents are 'too small' or 'not spiritual enough.' Do you think there's a hierarchy of talents? Or does God value all gifts equally? Why do you think we undervalue certain talents?
2. The parable talks about a servant who buried his talent out of fear. What do you think about that? Are you burying any talents or abilities because of fear?
3. The sermon said talents multiply when you use them and diminish when you don't. What's your opinion—do you think this applies to other areas of life besides talents?

## Start Sharing

1. Tell us about a time when you stepped out and used one of your talents, even though you were nervous. What happened? How did it feel?
2. Sarah's story showed how fear kept her from sharing her singing gift—until she realized she was robbing the church of a blessing. Have you ever held back a gift because of fear or comparison? What would it take for you to step out?
3. Share about someone whose talents inspired or impacted you. What did they do, and how did their willingness to use their gifts affect your life?

## Start Doing: Commit to Act

1. Identify & invest: This week, identify ONE talent you have and invest in it. Take a class. Practice. Read about it. If you can, find someone who's skilled and ask them to mentor you. Commit to developing this gift.
2. Use your talent to serve: Use one of your

talents to serve someone this week. Make a meal for someone (if you cook). Listen deeply to a friend (if you're a good listener). Organize something for someone (if you're organized). Notice how it feels to use your gifts to bless others.

3. Share your strength: Teach or share one of your talents with someone this week. It doesn't have to be perfect. Just offer what you have. Your willingness to share might inspire someone else to step out with their gifts too.

### **Praying.**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the unique talents You've placed in us. Help us use them faithfully for Your glory and to bless others. Remove fear and comparison from our hearts, and teach us to steward even the small things with obedience and courage. May our lives reflect Jesus, multiplying every gift You've entrusted to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Announcements:**

Thanksgiving Gala Dinner – November 27th –  
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