

16 January 2011 - Preached by Pastor Douglas Ho  
Message Topic: **Parable of the Talents**  
Scripture Text: Matthew 25: 14-30

1. If we have not used what God has given to us, then we are not living our Christian lives to the fullest.
2. In the parable of the Talents, the Master refers to Jesus Christ. The servants are Christians. The ones who received 5 and 2 talents invested wisely and got back 100% returns. The one who received 1 talent just hid it. The day of the Master's return is the day of accountability.
3. The first 2 servants who used their talents wisely are praised by the Master while the 3rd servant is reprimanded as wicked and slothful.
4. God gives us talents to serve Him. We are given different talents according to God's purpose and hence will serve differently and of different degree.
5. The key issue is to be faithful in our service to the Lord as His servants. We must use every opportunity to serve the Lord. God can remove our talents if we are not using them to serve Him. This is a warning to us.