

## Talents 1

**You can't live outside the Body if you're sealed with the Holy Spirit. You are promised a place in the Holy City. We are the Holy City, ourselves; we are His dwelling-place. He will dwell in us, forever. We are as His people, to see to it that no one misses the grace. If we see a person who doesn't have grace, we are to fill them up with grace. Heb 12:15 — We are to see to it that no one comes short of the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble, and by it many be defiled. Shepherds should be *supersensitive* to this word (1 Pet 3:15).**

1 Jn 2:19 — These are people without any substance. It is one of the most serious things to choose the world over Yahshua.

2 Pet 2:20-22 — In verse 22, you can see that the dog keeps the same nature; he didn't change. He didn't become a new creation, kind and respectful. This verse speaks only of unclean animals with no morals.

Eph 1:13 — If you are sealed with Him, you can't get out, because you are sealed. We are sealed *with* the Holy Spirit, not *by* the Holy Spirit. *With* is more permanent — His Spirit and your spirit are inseparable eternally. We always belong to Him.

Heb 13:5 — He will never, no never, no never, leave or forsake us. A friend is always there; he will never forsake you, by definition of a friend. Slaves or servants in Mt 25 and Lk 12:45-46.

Lk 12:45-46 — These slaves belong to Yahshua. We are all slaves or servants to the Master. All slaves aren't the same; there are good and bad slaves. In verse 46, without using self-control, a believer is assigned a place with the unbelievers, in order to discipline that slave to be a good slave for eternity.

Mt 25:16-30 — The difference between those that are servants and those that aren't servants, and the difference between the good and the bad servants.

Acting wisely — If you don't respect authority, you don't respect God. Yahshua brings you back to God. If you are out of fellowship, you will start to beat one another with your tongue, negatively. This is the worst thing you can do.

Mt 25 — The man who failed to use his talent was beaten with many lashes; he was beaten even though he only had one talent. In verse 24 you see he was receiving another spirit in his estimation of the Master. The man failed to use his talent (what he had—his potential). We use these everyday. It involves talents or ability, coupled with grace and faith. He also gives us these talents to build up the Body, making sure no one misses the grace, praying for one another. In verse 30, it was the one who failed to use his talents that is beaten. We, too, can be worthless, unfaithful servants. Are we using *all* the grace and faith we have, building up the Body, or do we bury some of it and not use what we have to build up the Body? You can move a mountain if you have faith, but you *must use* it (that faith). This is all we can do. Any less than this and we won't enter the kingdom.

Rom 12:6-9 — These spiritual gifts are motivational gifts. We must use *all* our faith. The first church fell away because they didn't listen to this. Verse 6 is according to our faith, fully, living up to your potential. Everyone will be beaten according to how they hid their talents, not using them. This is Yahshua's teaching (Mt 25:30; Lk 12:47-48). Rom 12:7 — In serving, let us serve according to our faith and grace serving in proportion to your faith. The same in teaching.

We must use *all* our talents, or someone else has to make up for our lacks. Those who make up for the lacks of others are overcomers. They will reign (Col 1:25-27).

An overcomer makes up for the lacks of others. We are to be made into His image through His Word (2 Ths 1:4-5).

We are called to bring about the next age so the Master can come and take over the earth. It takes us to be whole hearted, 100%, or we fail to live up to our calling. He is faithful. It is a sin not to use all your talents.

Rom 12:8 — Some can encourage better than others. You must use your gifts all the time, but remember Rom 12:3, though. We need to have the proper evaluation of ourselves.

Rom 12:9 — Love without partiality. Partiality is hypocrisy. People who have a gift of loving find the ones who need it the most (1 Cor 12:23). If there is partiality, there is division in the Body and you haven't passed out of

death yet.

Mt 25 — Why did our Master talk about the one-talent ones? There are more one-talent people in the Body, and they hinder the Body the most by not putting them, their one talent, to work. If *all* the one-talent people put their one talent to work, it would build up the Body greatly. Your one talent is to support your brothers, investing your talent, so the other talents will increase, thus building up the Body.

If a person has a hard time listening, he has a hard time respecting authority, and other spirits are taking his mind off somewhere else. He is in tune with other spirits. You can't *exercise* all your talents, with your mind on other things. Take care *how* you listen.

The one-talent man probably compared himself to men with more talents. Rom 12:1 came first — giving your body as a living sacrifice.

*The potential* a man has is according to the faith and grace a man has, based on your ability and motivation. Motivation is how you listen. Some people have such bad attitudes that they don't put their talents to work. If you are motivated properly, you can do anything, as in Gen 2. The Word teaches us that when we have bad thoughts against our Master that it is not really us, thinking those things. He is our Friend; a friend sticks closer than a brother. He isn't mad, but He wants us to use our full potential.

Our Father is for us; all He wants is for us to use everything we have. This will lead us to the Holy City. In order to have that true evaluation of ourselves, we must see that we are not the same person — we have a new, different nature. In Yahshua we are not the way we were. Our brothers then must help us to see who we are. We can't have it apart from our brothers, or we will dry up and die. We need to confirm and be confirmed. We are going somewhere; we are being trained to bring the gospel of the Kingdom.

The one-talent man was jealous that the others were faithful and increasing. He let his jealousy and bitterness grow to where he had that attitude against the Master. We must not let the dialectic reasoning come against our true heart and then hinder us from living up to our potential. We must let the dead life stay dead and keep our mind on Yahshua and His life.

Phm 6, NIV — We must use our talents. He can do anything, because we cooperate with Him. It is good that we have a Body that can tell us when we are obnoxious. Our talents are for Him, to glorify Him, not ourselves. He won't leave us, so He will give us grace to be faithful and not leave Him.

When our spirit is engaged, listening to the call, seeking our daily bread, this is when we have life. This will set the course for the day, household to household, exercising our spirit. We don't need to have the talents of our brothers, but our talent is to support your brothers' talents, investing your talent so the other talents will increasingly build up the Body.

In the parable, the one-talent man was without vision. We know that Yahshua is King in our hearts, so we want Him and His life. We need revelation of the Body and how it functions. Ten talents can't bring about the Kingdom without the one talent. We need to function together, speaking the truth to one another. We are members of one another. They will be united without partiality, with concentric vision.

Our Father has many things to give us, and He wants us to use our talents up to our potential so these things will come about. We must give our all. Everyone will be encouraged and the Body will be encouraged. As a disabled person's other parts make up for the disabled parts, but the other parts will never do what they can't do. This is why a need each other.

1 Sam 15:22-23; Acts 3:23 — If everyone doesn't heed, then we will go astray and be destroyed.