

1. The Parable of the ten virgins teaches the necessity of expectancy.
2. The parable of the talents teaches the necessity of diligence in our labor and work for the Lord.
3. TALENTS:
 1. A talent of Gold about \$26,280.00
 2. A talent of Silver about \$1,639.30.
4. IN THIS STORY:
 1. The lord is Christ who is the Owner and Proprietor of all persons.
 2. The servants are Christians.
5. THE THREE MEN
 1. Two of the servants did well...they went and traded
 2. The third man did ill. He received a talent, and ~~went~~ and hid it.
 - (1) Of ten lepers only one returned to give thanks. Luke 17:11-19
6. THIS MAN'S EXCUSE
 1. "I knew thee, that thou art a hard man." Matt. 25:24
 2. Like Israel of old, "the way of the Lord is not equal." Ezekiel 18:25-29
7. THE CHARACTER OF THIS MAN
 1. The sentiment of an enemy. "I knew thee that thou art an hard man."
 - Adam implicitly laid the fault on God when he said, "The woman which thou gavest me." Gen. 3:12
 2. He was a "slothful" servant. Matt. 25:26
 - (1) He that is careless in God's work is near akin to him who is busy in the devil's work.
 - (2) A slothful servant is a withered member of body
 - (3) A slothful servant is a barren tree in the vineyard, a drone in the hive: GOOD FOR NOTHING
 3. He was an unprofitable servant...cast out.
 - (1) Cast out into outer darkness...miseries, weeping and nashing of teeth. Darkness a plague in Egypt
 - (2) Chains of darkness in hell. 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6
 - (3) In darkness no man can work. John 9:4

