

Family Table Talk

for the week of November 12, 2017

Discuss and apply the truth of God's Word as a family.

Opportunity
Christian Fellowship

Read it . . .

Matthew
25:14-30

A Story About Talents

Last week we talked about waiting for Jesus to return. But God doesn't want us to wait like we're in a long line just standing around until it's finally our turn. He gave us a job to do, and He gave us skills to do it.

We have an advantage reading the parable we're going to look at this week. In Jesus' day a talent was a chest or bag that held 75 pounds of gold or silver. Gold is really heavy. 75 pounds is only three of the kind of gold bars you see in a

movie. But in this story Jesus is using the talents of gold or silver as a symbol for people's skills and abilities. So, because of this parable, in English the word "talent" has come to mean "a natural aptitude or skill".

Do you know your talents? One of the jobs kids have is discovering and developing their talents. Some people think that "talented" means "so good you never have to practice". But all skills require practice to get better.

<p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>Read Psalm 123</p> <p>Was that a long chapter, or what? Where would Batman be without his trusty butler Alfred helping out? How does Alfred always know what to do to help Batman out?</p>	<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>Read Matthew 25:14-30</p> <p>Plan a Family Talent Show! Pick a night later this week when everyone in your family can show off a talent!</p>	<p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>Read Judges 4:1-17</p> <p>Deborah was a good leader. What kind of talents did she have? She still needed Barak and his talents as a general to fight the battle.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Read Matthew 25:14-30</p> <p>What would have happened if the one talent servant had invested his talent, and the five talent servant had just buried his?</p>	<p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</p> <p>Lots of people try to figure out when Jesus will return. What does Paul say we <i>need</i> to know about Jesus' return?</p>	<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Read Matthew 25:14-30</p> <p>The master gave the servants who had done well even more responsibility in his kingdom. What job do you think Jesus will give you in His Kingdom?</p>

Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:10

Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever.

Coming Up Next Week:

A Story about an Invisible King