

Eternal Trust Part 3

Eternal Plan Matthew 25:14-30
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Memory Verse - Matthew 25:23



Invest \$1,000 for ten years at:

- A. 10% per year = 2,593.74
- B. 15% per year = 4,045.56
- C. 25% per year = 9,313.23
- D. 100% per year = 1,024,000.00
- E. 0% per year = 0

What is a parable? A story that teaches a spiritual or eternal principle in terms of an everyday life.

Why metaphor? A word picture that gives room for a wide range of meaning and application.

3 things you need to know!

1. God has assigned us as stewards over these talents and He expects supernatural results.

A. A talent is a resource, such as natural abilities received on your first birthday, and spiritual gifts received on your second birthday.

2. God has assigned the various talent amounts in proportion to our ability to manage them.

3. Your talents have amazing potential.

3 things you need to do!

- 4. Make sure you have received the salvation that brings your talents.
- 5. Identify your talents and gifts by taking the Spiritual Gift Test online at www.therocksandiego.org/giftstest.

Romans 12:5-8

- A. **Prophesying** - communicate God's message, "thus saith the Lord"
- B. **Serving** - let him serve; recognize, serve and assist others
- C. **Teaching** - let him teach; explain and communicate truth clearly, thus increasing interest to learn more.
- D. **Encouraging** - let him encourage; lifting the spirits of someone in their time of need
- E. **Giving** - someone who enjoys giving to others
- F. **Leadership** - let him govern diligently; someone gifted in leading others
- G. **Showing mercy** - someone who has immediate and irresistible compassion for people in need.

6. Begin nurturing your gifts by signing up at the Ministry Fair next week.

Homework: Take the Spiritual Gifts Test online at www.therocksandiego.org/giftstest and pray about ministry opportunity options.

Extra credit: Once you identify your gifts, find someone in the Bible who has the same gifts and write a one paragraph description of what you learn and can apply to your life.