

## 4/22/18 | Parable of the Talents



*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights." —James 1:17a | NIV*

### DISCUSSION

1. What is your favorite gift to receive? What is your favorite gift to give? Why?
2. Consider this quote. What does it mean to you? Is it true? Why or why not?

*"What you are is God's gift to you, what you do with yourself is your gift to God."  
—Dr. Leo Buscaglia*

### What do you do with your gifts?

3. Ephesians 2:10 makes it sound like believers have a purpose. What is it? How has God prepared our work? How has He prepared us?
4. Read Matthew 5:13-16. What does this have to do with gifts and talents?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. What is the point that Paul (the author) is trying to make? Can God ever give the wrong gift to the wrong person?
6. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. What does Peter say we should do with our gifts? What reason does he give?
7. Read Matthew 6:1-4. Why do we do good things? What motivates you to do good things?

### A Skilled Example

8. Read Exodus 35:10, 30-35. Moses asks for volunteers to make the sacred things of the tabernacle. Who responds? Why? (Exodus 36-

39 summarizes the crafters' works.)

9. Could this call apply to you? What are you skilled in? Why does God use people to do work for Him anyway?
10. How can you use your gifts for God this week? What would this service accomplish?

**TAKE AWAY:** God blesses those who are faithful with His blessings.