

## Turning the Crap of Life, Into the Fruit of the Spirit Why Don't I Have More!?

If only I had that new car, I would be able to take children to church on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Why if I had double my yearly salary I would be able to give so much more to the building fund. Should God need to give the lottery to someone, here am I Lord, give me and I will surely fund a new youth program at church. **Honestly, if you had more what would you do with it?**

And even more importantly, how would you react when it is time to give an account for what you have, and not just financially. We are responsible for the life we lead. Judgment, the greek word for Krisis, which we get the word crisis in our modern language is an apt view of standing before the Lord and giving an account of our life. What will you say? How many things would you do differently if you knew that at that moment you would receive a punishment or reward for your actions?

Some people have a lot, beauty, money, fame and fortune. While others seem to be unable to make enough to scrap a living off of. No, it is not fair. We are all created in God's image, but it is what we do with it after we arrive in this life that really denotes our place with God.

### 1. God gives according to our ability

#### **Matt 25:14-30**

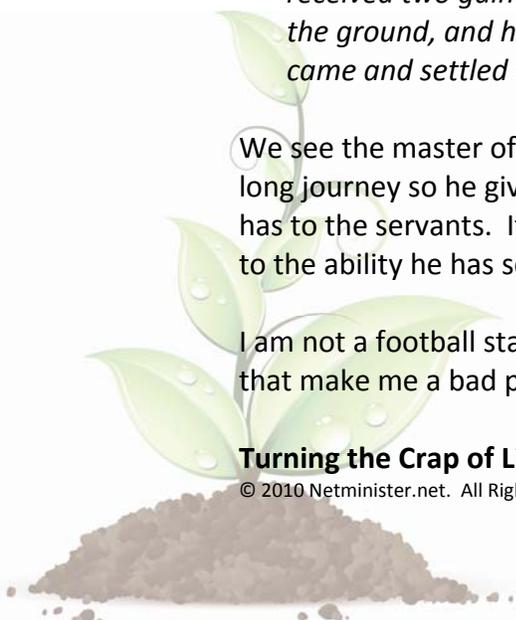
*"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.*

We see the master of the house calling together his servants. He is about to go on a long journey so he gives each servant part of his goods. Notice first, He gives what he has to the servants. It is his possessions he provides to the servants. Each one he gives to the ability he has seen in them to as to their ability to improve what was provided.

I am not a football star. I want to be a football star, all I really lack is the ability. Does that make me a bad person? No. Does that mean that I am a failure in life? No. What it

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means is that my ability is geared, by God, to be focused in other areas besides football. Such as I, so are you. You and I may want to have millions, be adored by the masses and desire to be known world-wide, but God sees a different ability in us. Faith is the trust we have in Him to determine what is best for us, focus on it and bring back to Him the blessings we have from doing what he wants from us.

## **2. God expects us to use what He has given us**

"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

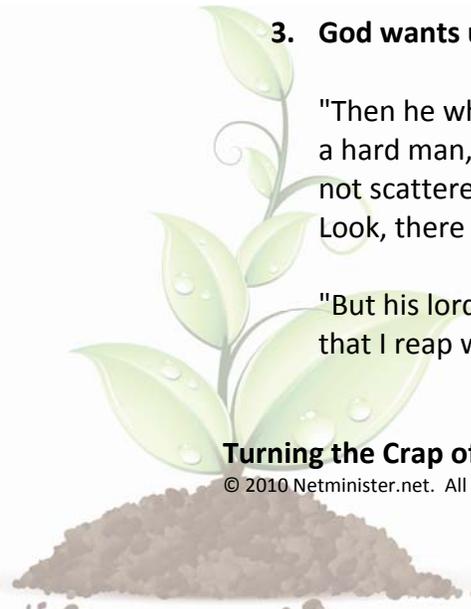
Without being told to, the first two servants began working to improve their master's gift. Notice the one servant didn't complain because he was only given two talents instead of five. He, like the first servant went about laboring to make more of what he was given. As a result both were able to take what was entrusted to them and double it. The expectation of the master was that each servant would use the talents' provided to them, to increase what he had been provided.

For each servant there was judgment. Each one presented to the master upon his return. To the first two the master gave each to be a ruler over many things. They had both increased their share by working hard and using their abilities and now they were being rewarded by being given even more, they were moved from being just a servant to being a ruler over many things. Their reward was two-fold, both in being able to double their talents by their hard work as well as being rewarded by their master.

## **3. God wants us to do our best, even with a little**

"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.



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So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

The last servant took his talent from the master and hide it. He didn't share it with anyone, work hard or try to earn an increase. Instead he held onto it for dear life. Why? Because he knew the master was a tough man. A man that didn't have to work for his living. So he took his talent and hide it. So bad was the servant that he wasn't even able to bring back anything. If only he had given it to the bank, at least there would be something, however small that he could give back to the master. But without that, he was unable to provide anything but the original talent.

Notice, the last servant almost seems to want praise. Instead of as the other servants, giving the master back his talent along with the increase, the last servant only provides a back-handed compliment to the master about how hard a man he was. How he knew that the master would receive without needing to work. But his words were useless. God, as the master of our lives, requires that we increase based on the things He has given to us, regardless of how much or how little there is to work with.

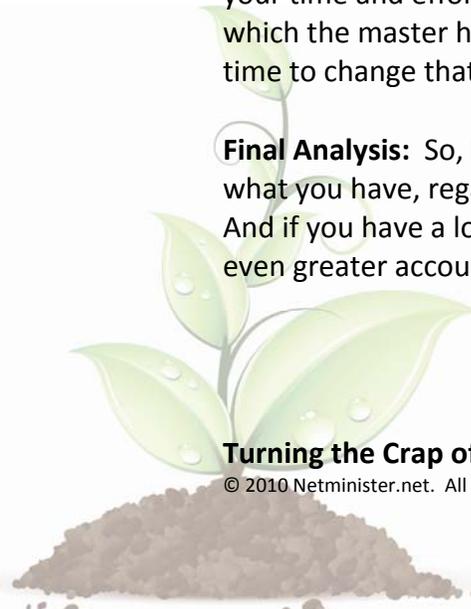
Jesus himself tells us

**Luke 12:48**

*For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.*

Are you ready to give to Jesus when He returns? What have you done with your talents? Have you complained about not having what someone else has? Have you found yourself always making excuses for not doing things because you don't feel like you got a fair shake in life to begin with? Or are you using your gifts and abilities – however meager you believe they are to increase the kingdom of God? Are you using your time and effort to teach others, help others and working hard to increase that which the master has given you for the day of His return? If you aren't, today is the best time to change that.

**Final Analysis:** So, before you fret for not having everything you want in life, remember what you have, regardless of the amount, you will be required to give an accounting for. And if you have a lot, beauty – money – fame – fortune, you will be required to give an even greater accounting.



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