

The Parable of Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

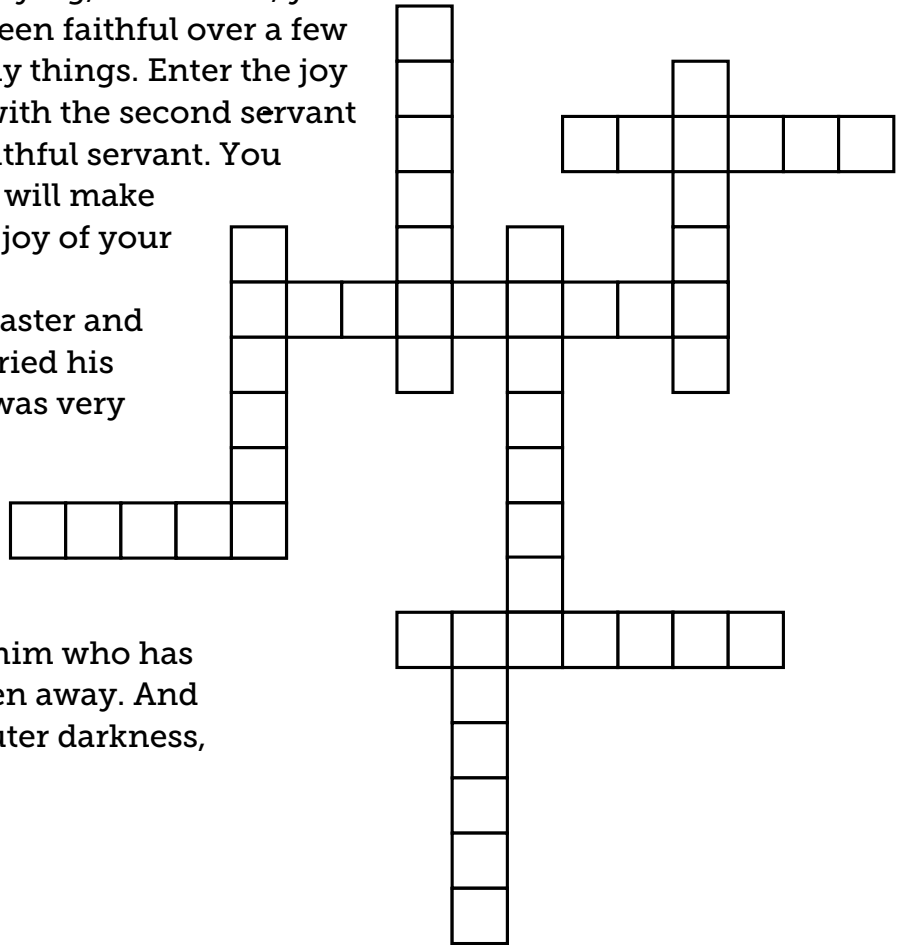
Use the **green** words from the text below to complete the crossword puzzle.
Then answer the question at the bottom.

There was a **master** who gave three of his servants a portion of his wealth to look after. Each portion was measured in talents. The amount he gave each **servant** depended on their abilities. He gave five talents to the first servant, two talents to the second servant, and one talent to the third servant. Each servant then decided what to do with his talents.

The first servant traded and doubled his **talents**, giving him a total of ten. The second servant also traded and managed to **double** his talents, giving him a total of four. The third servant decided to dig a hole and **buried** his one talent in the ground.

After a while, the master came to his servants to check his wealth. He was pleased with his first servant for doubling his talents, saying, "Well done, you good and **faithful** servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Enter the joy of your master." He was also pleased with the second servant and said, "Well done, you good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you **ruler** over many things. Enter the joy of your master."

The third servant came to his master and explained so that he was **afraid**, so buried his one talent in the ground. The master was very disappointed and said, "You wicked and slothful servant!...take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an **abundance**. But from him who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. And throw the unprofitable servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



What do you think God wants us to do with our talents?
