

***The Olivet Discourse 7: What Will You be Doing at His Coming?***  
**Matthew 25:14-30**

**I. Introduction:** How to turn a dime into three million dollars

*Be Ready!* (Mt 24:44)

Parables of the wise vs. wicked servant (24:45-51) and wise vs. foolish virgins (25:1-13)

The separation of sheep (true Christians) from goats (false converts)

**II. The Parable of the Talents**

Talents are entrusted to servants, while the Master goes on a journey (14-15)

Ephesians 4:4-8 – the ascended Christ gives various gifts to His church

Romans 12:3-8 – a variety of gifts that we are admonished to put to prompt use

You have been given unique gifts for a common purpose

Use your gifts to serve others (*the least of these, my brethren*)

Two servants put their talents to work and one did not (16-18)

At the day of reckoning the Master commends the two profitable servants (19-23)

**III. The judgment of the servant who buried his talent (24-29)**

The danger of having much ... or little

Those faithful to use their gifts will be entrusted with more in eternity

Have you fully invested the gifts that God has given you?

The lame excuse of the servant who buried his talent only condemns himself

What are your excuses for not blessing others as you could?

**IV. The Reality of Hell (30)**