



Grace Life Church *of Dallas*

The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

Clint and Sarah Martin welcomed their daughter, Joy Susie, to their family Saturday morning at 5:15am. Joy is a healthy baby girl weighing 8 lbs, 9 oz! Both Sarah and Joy are doing well by God's grace.





Faithfulness/Stewardship

Matt 25:14-30

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Matthew 25:14-21

14 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

Matthew 25:22-30

22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Parable of the Talents:

- “*Man going on a journey*” is Jesus Christ
- We (Christians) are his servants/slaves
- The Lord gives the “*talents*” to each one (belong to the Lord and they are apportioned by the Lord)
- Talents in this parable are not abilities
 - A “*talent*” was monetary unit (weight) (10-20 years wages)
- Talent represent “*secrets of the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt 13:10-12, 1 Cor 4:1-5)-The gospel
- These men are NOT earning their salvation/justification: remember the greater context-this is Matthew’s gospel account
 - *Worthless servant* was a professing Christian, but proved to not be a true follower of Jesus Christ (note v24-27)
 - The two other servants gave an account for their stewardship and faithfulness with what the Lord had entrusted to them (note v21, v23)

Stewardship/Faithfulness with what the Lord has entrusted to us:

- Immediate context Matt 25:14-30 (gospel)
 - Principally true for all of life
- Pastoral ministry:
 - **James 3:1** *Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach **will be judged with greater strictness***
 - **Hebrews 13:17** *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, **as those who will have to give an account.** Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.*
 - **Role of Husbands/Fathers** Eph 5:25-32, Col 3:19, 1 Peter 3:7, Eph 6:4, Col 3:21
 - **Qualifications for Elders/Pastors:** 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1

Prayer is that in the gospel and all that God has entrusted to us, we would hear “Well done good and faithful servant”