

# WORKER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

*His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'*  
Matthew 25:21

## Introduction:

- I loved my kindergarten Sunday School teacher! Mrs. Reese always had a smile on her face and a child on her lap. She would tell us stories about Jesus and help us glue our crafts together. Looking back, she really helped shape my view of God.
- A person's view of God will determine how he or she serves the Lord. That's one of the many things we learn from Jesus' parable of the talents.

**God has \_\_\_\_\_ endowed His servants with talent(s).**  
*To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent...*  
 Matthew 25:15

## Value of a talent:

A talent was an amount of ancient Greek \_\_\_\_\_.

1 talent equaled \_\_\_\_\_ denarii.

1 denarius equaled a \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 20:2)

If you make \$35,000 per year, then you would make about \_\_\_\_\_.

\$135 (day's wages) X 10,000 = 1 talent

Therefore, 1 talent = \_\_\_\_\_

2 talents = \_\_\_\_\_

5 talents = \_\_\_\_\_

## A couple "no-brainers" we have to conclude:

1. Our God-given design has a \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven!
2. The Master is going to hold us \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 25:19-23)

## God's endowment of talent to His servants is with \_\_\_\_\_.

...each according to his ability. (v. 15b)

*The two-talent servant who faithfully fills soda cups for the homeless receives the same applause as the five-talent evangelist who fills stadiums with people. Different fruit, equal praise.*

Max Lucado, **Cure for the Common Life**, p. 56

The reason for your "talent" is to \_\_\_\_\_.

## The one-talent servant and the master's response (v. 26-27)

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*The master wouldn't accept the description he didn't possess.*

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Hard – Matthew 19:8; Acts 7:51

So who is the "worthless servant" today?

- I am... if I think God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am if... I \_\_\_\_\_ to use my talents for God.

## Conclusion:

Color time was my favorite part of Sunday school with Mrs. Reese. From her I learned:

Take your crayons and \_\_\_\_\_ with everything you have!

Adapted from *Cure For the Common Life* by Max Lucado