

Reading: Matthew Chapter 25

This is one of the stories (we call them "parables") that Jesus told to the people. All Jesus's stories had a meaning and when we have heard this story, we will try to find the meaning.

There was a rich man who was forced to go on a long journey and he called his servants to him to give them instructions as to what they should do in his absence. The man handed to his servants Talents (a talent is a large sum of money). The cleverest servant was given five talents, a very big sum; another servant who was not quite so clever, was given two talents; another servant who wasn't clever at all was given one talent to work with.

The man who received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more talents. The man who received two talents he also put his money to work and gained two more talents. But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his Master's money.

After a long time the Master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five and the master was very pleased with him and said "well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things". The servant who received two talents brought the other two and the master was very happy with him also. Now the servant who had received one talent told his master that he was afraid of him and had hid the one talent, and gave the one talent back to his master. The master was not happy with him and told him that he was lazy and told him to give it to the servant who had ten talents. The master through him outside into the darkness.

Jesus is like the man who had gone away for a long time and we are his servants who must work hard until he comes again.

How do you think you can work hard for Jesus?

Point to remember:- We can please God by doing our best.