In My Servanthood to God

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INTRODUCTION

- The cost of being a child of God is great.
- He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.
- There's quite a cost to being a child of God, and it is that we love him more than anything else.

1 The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14–30

- But maybe the most practical parable is the parable of the talents.
- He calls these three in because he trusted those three servants.
- But do you know what talents you do have? That's going to be the challenge for us tonight.

2 Why Was He So Unprofitable?

Matthew 25:25; Matthew 25:26; Matthew 25:30

- Well, why was he so unprofitable? He didn't lose the talent, which is the same talent the master had given him.
- Fear of failure. And I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the ground.
- There's times that you look at it and you say, I'm going to fail, but I'm at least going to try.
- He didn't try, therefore he was unprofitable.

3 Why Were the Five and Two So Profitable?

Matthew 25:24–25

- I'm sure that was in the back of their mind, but they went anyway because they had the talents to try to make more talents.
- They were both profitable because they tried.
- Sometimes we have to try. Sometimes we talk ourselves out of trying.

4 Unlikely Profitable Servants

Luke 8:26–39; Philemon 1:8–11; 2 Timothy 4:11

- Jesus said, Return to your own house and tell what great things God has done for you.
- And I need to tell the whole city what Christ has done with me.
- There's plenty you can do to be that profitable servantess that you need to be for the Lord.
- His talent was giving them a place to stay.
- Brethren, if you're unprofitable now and you're hiding your talents, you got time, if you got breath to get that straight and be profitable to the service of the Lord.

5 What Does It Take to Be Profitable?

Matthew 6:33; 2 Peter 1; Hebrews 10:19–25

- Matthew 6 33, seek ye first the kingdom. What does that mean? I'm going to put God first.
- If they didn't come, it's on them. But you invited. That's all we can do is invite.
- Are you full of love for your brothers and sisters in Christ?
- Find your niche in this congregation and use those talents.
- Your talent makes you special and unique to the Lord.

6 The Last Part of Matthew 25

Matthew 25:31–46

- Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me.
- But if you're unprofitable, you go to everlasting punishment.
- But what about the least of the brethren? Would you do that?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you willing to open that box and find out? Are you willing to take a chance and push yourself out of your comfort zone?**

MY NOTES