



Sermon Guide | 12/16/2023 | Use It or Lose It!

Join us **tomorrow, Sunday (12/17/2023) at 7 PM** on Zoom to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion. The passcode is **SERMON**

Read *Christ's Object Lessons*, Chapter 25, "Talents" for a deeper understanding of today's message.

Text: Acts 13:47-49 "For so the Lord has commanded us: *'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'*"

⁴⁸ Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

Reference verses: Matthew 25:14, 19

1. In the parable of the talents there are three main sets of characters. Who or what are they?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. Where was the Master going, and how long was He gone?

3. To whom do the goods (talents) belong?

According to Their Abilities

Reference verses: Matthew 25:15-18

4. In giving out His goods (talents) how did the Master distribute them?



5. After receiving their Master's talents, what did each servant do?

6. What results did the servants experience relative to their faith?

Jesus is Coming Again!

Reference verses: Matthew 25:20-21; 24-27

7. What did the Master expect to find upon His return?

8. What is really being examined by the Master?

9. What reason did the last servant give for not gaining any advantage from the talent?

“Dependent entirely upon God for all the wisdom and glory that he (Lucifer) had, he did not glorify God, but assumed that all his talents sprang from himself; and so, as he disconnected himself in his pride from the Source of light, he became the prince of darkness. Even thus it was with man.” E.J. Waggoner, *Waggoner on Romans*, 134.

10. What does the Master say regarding the character of this last servant?

Into the Darkness

Reference verses: Matthew 25:28-30

11. In believing he had nothing to lose, what did the last servant actually have to lose?
