

PARABLES

of Jesus

*'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
You have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things; Enter into the joy of your master.'
... to all those who have, more will be given,
and they will have an abundance;
From "The Parable of the Talents" (Matthew 25)*



A master entrusted each of his three subjects with valuable gifts, or "talents." Two of them double it in worth, while the third hid his entrusted talent in a hole, fearful of his master, whom he perceived as a hard taskmaster. Better safe than sorry, he argued. In the end the master affirmed the industriousness of the first two, and rewarded them with even further gain. But from the one who had played it safe, even more was taken. Likewise, God entrusts everyone with something special, like a gift, talent or ability. God blessed every one of us, after all, with the gift of life, with time to live that life, and with opportunity to do something with our lives. When we venture out, and grow what we've been blessed with, God blesses us with more. Live in God's generosity. Let your light shine - and reflect the goodness of God.

