



Devotion Guidelines:

1. Keep it short and interactive
2. Read the Scripture passage together with each person reading a verse
3. Ask questions about each verse
4. Ask each child how they will apply what they have learned from the verses. (Even your young children) You, as a parent, also share what you will apply. Remember that Bible study is for application and transformation not just for information.)
5. Pray together as a family (You and your children can take turns praying)
 - For each other's requests
 - To ask for God's help to apply what you have learned

Read Together:

¹⁴ "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. ¹⁶ Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. ²⁷ Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. ²⁸ Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.

Talk Together:

1. Verse 15 talks about the master giving his slaves talents before he goes on to his journey, based on the verse how did the master distribute the talents?
2. In verses 16 to 18, what were the responses of the slaves? What did they do after receiving the instruction from their master?
3. In verse 19, the parable tells us that the master has come back from his journey. What was his response toward his slaves based on verse 20 – 23? What you think pleased the master?
4. In verse 24 to 28, what was the master's reaction towards the third slave? Why do you think he got angry even if the third slave was able to save what has been given to him?

Conviction:

My work is a blessing from God so I will do my best to excel so God may be glorified in it.

Application:

What will I do with what has God entrusted to me so that one day I will hear Him say, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Pray Together:

Dear Father, the work you have entrusted to us is a blessing from You. Help us to be good and faithful in accomplishing Your task so we may glorify You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.