THE PARABLE **OF TALENTS** Matthew 25:14-30 (NLT)

14 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.

15 He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last — <u>dividing it in proportion to their</u> <u>abilities</u>. He then left on his trip."

Matthew 25:16-18

16 "The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more.

Matthew 25:16-18

17 The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more.

Matthew 25:16-18

18 But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money."

Matthew 25:19-21 19 "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.

Matthew 25:19-21

20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.'

Matthew 25:19-21

"The master was full of praise. 21 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!"

" The servant who had received 22 the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.'

"The master said, 'Well done, 23 my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!"

24 "Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate.

25 I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'

26 "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate,

27 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it."

Matthew 25:28-30 28 "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver.

29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

Matthew 25:28-30 **30** Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 24:42 "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming."

John 14:3-4 **3 "When everything is** ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where lam.

John 14:3-4 **4 And you know** the way to where I am going."

16 "Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him—but some of them doubted.

18 Jesus came and told His disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

To Love Each Other — John 13:34-35

34 "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

To Love Each Other — John 13:34-35

35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

To Care for His Church **John 21:17** "A third time He asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?"

To Care for His Church

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said,

To Care for His Church "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed My sheep."

Romans 12:2 "Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Romans 12:2 Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Let Us Pray Together

Our Father in heaven, I repent from all my sins, please forgive me. Lord Jesus, please come into my heart and be my Lord and Saviour. I receive you now.

Let Us Pray Together

Holy Spirit please be with me forever, teach me and lead me on the way I should go according to the will of God, in Jesus name I pray. Amen.