

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for February 7, 1988**

**Parable of the Talents
Matthew 25:14-30
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Introduction: Readiness is the theme of this parable. We all have opportunities in our lives right now. The two parables have the same thrust, readiness. The difference because of a personal relationship with Christ and how to know you have this relationship with Christ. This parable is a continuation from the first and is still talking about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Responsibility: Responsibility to act in the interest of the master, the master being the Lord Jesus Christ, the slaves being those professing a relationship with Christ.

What are the talents given? The talents are an opportunity to serve the Master. We all have such wide range of opportunity to serve the Lord as workers, fathers, neighbors, husbands, etc.

How do you know if you have a relationship with Jesus? How do you handle the responsibility of serving the Master's interest in the opportunities you have?