

Parable of the Talents

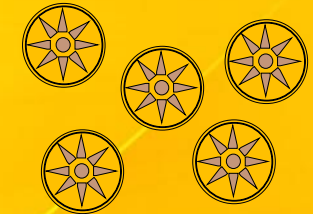
Master of the servants



The Servants



The Talents



The gifts and abilities the Lord gives His disciples

Talent

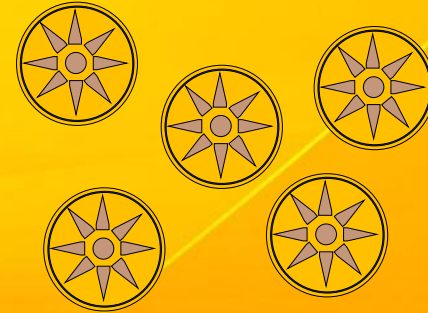
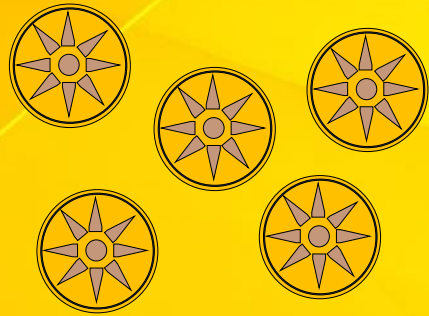
In the Savior's time, a "talent" was a unit of weight and also a large sum of money.

In modern usage, the word "talent," as used in this parable, has come to represent any spiritual gift or any skill or ability given to us by God, and the parable teaches that we are responsible to use these gifts wisely and profitably.



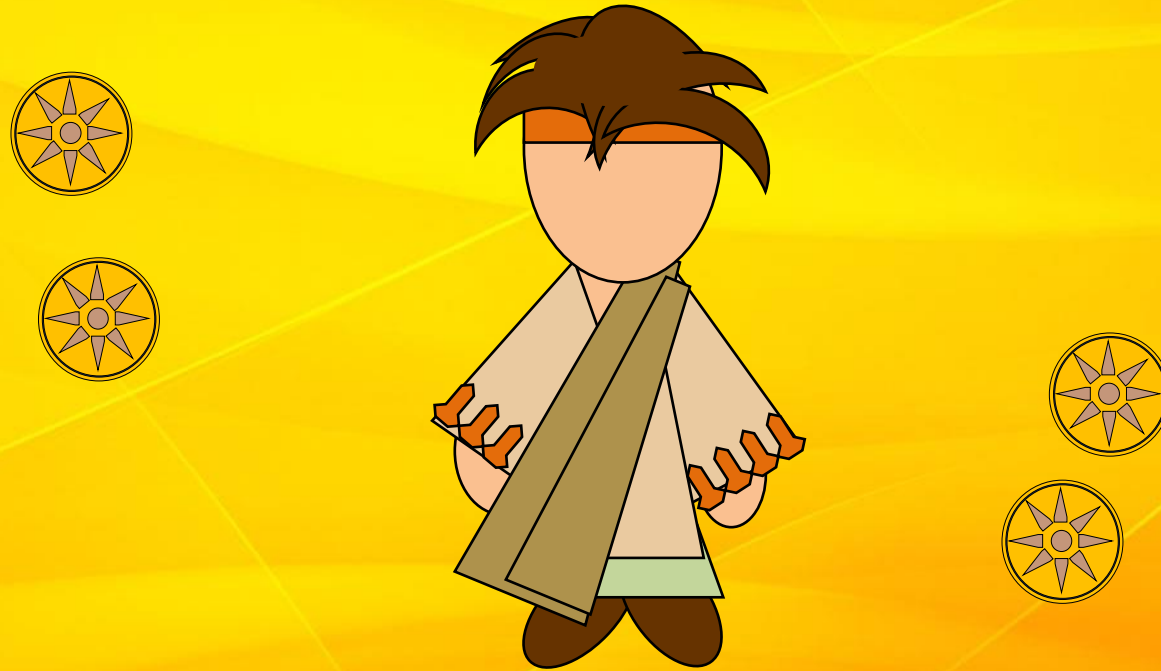
And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Servant 1



Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

Servant 2



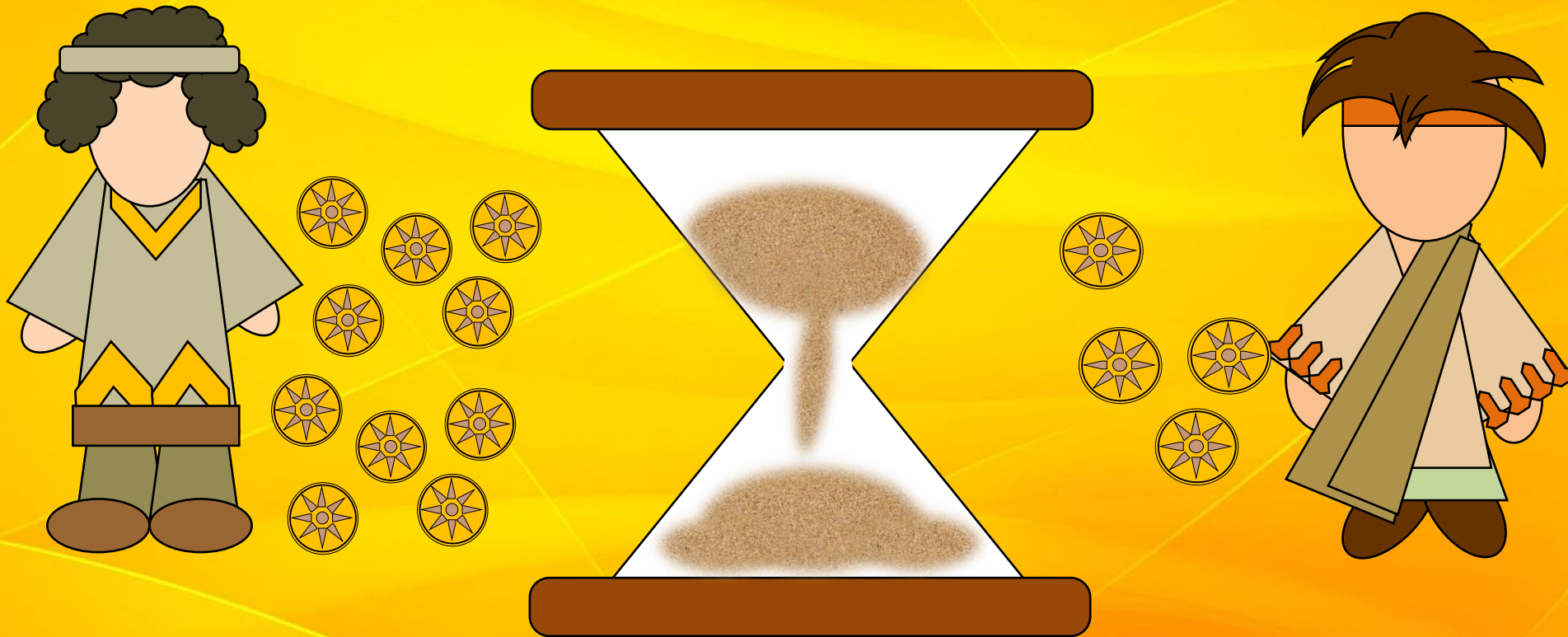
And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

Servant 3



*But he that had received one went and digged
in the earth, and hid his lord's money.*

Well Done

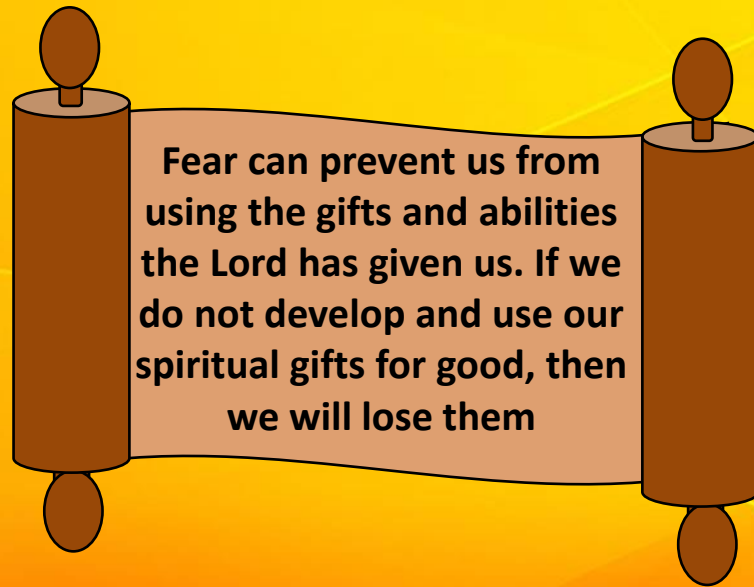


Wicked and Slothful Servant



Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

“[The third servant’s] loss was not because he did anything wrong, but rather because his fear had prevented him [from] doing anything at all. Yet this is the process by which most of our blessings are lost. ...



“... When one fails to use the muscles of his arm he loses his strength. ... When we don’t develop our abilities, we lose our abilities. When the people in past ages have not honored the Priesthood, it has been taken from them. ... Neither spiritual, mental nor physical talents develop while they are buried in the earth.” (3)