STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH BY EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

"Discovering your R.O.L.E. in the congregation."

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Personal Notes:

Sermon Notes:

I Talent and Abilities

A The parable of the talents places the emphasis on the service of each individual.

B The distributed talents:

1 A talent was worthy approximately 20 years wages.

2 The man gave generously, "his property" (verse 14).

3 The man gave to each one, according to his ability (verse 15).

4 The man was a trusting man, "he went away" (verse 15).

C The man returned to find two servants used their talents and one squandered his away (Matthew 25:19-28).

1 "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matthew 25:30, ESV)

D Why were the two servants rewarded?

1 See Matthew 25:21, 23

II Many Members, Many Abilities

A Romans 12:4-7

1 "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them… (Romans 12:6, ESV)

B Ephesians 4:7-16

1 "But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift." (Ephesians 4:7, ESV)

2 "…from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." (Ephesians 4:16, ESV)

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more."
(Luke 12:48, ESV)