Using Your Talents

Romans 12:4-7

I. The Parable of the Talents

A. The Generous Master

He gave generously (A talent=20 years wages) He gave according to ability He expected a return on his investment

B. The Worthwhile Servants They worked They accomplished according to their talents They were rewarded

C. The Worthless Servant He was afraid He was vindictive He was punished

D. Lessons From This Parable Are we working? Are we giving a return on investment?

II. Many Members, Many Abilities

| Romans 12:4-8 | Not all have the same function Let us use them |
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| Ephesians 4:7-16 | To each one grace was given For the equipping of the saints Every part does its share |