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Today's Word: Talent

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Are You:

- Using your gifts and talents wisely?
- Recognizing and acting upon opportunities to be of service to others?

Today's Scriptures

Matthew 25

Next Week:

Lesson 24:

“Love One Another,
As I Have Loved
You”

Luke 22: 1-38;

John 13-15

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Lesson 22: “Inherit the Kingdom Prepared for You”

Questions to Ponder

- How can we bless others by our service?
- Why do we sometimes fail to develop the talents and gifts that God has given us?



President Spencer W. Kimball:

“In the parable, oil can be purchased at the market. In our lives the oil of preparedness is accumulated drop by drop in righteous living. Attendance at sacrament meetings adds oil to our lamps, drop by drop over the years. Fasting, family prayer, home teaching, control of bodily appetites, preaching the gospel, studying the scriptures—each act of dedication and obedience is a drop added to our store. Deeds of kindness, payment of offerings and tithes, chaste thoughts and actions, marriage in covenant for eternity—these, too, contribute importantly to the oil with which we can at midnight refuel our exhausted lamps” (*Faith Precedes the Miracle* [1972], 256).

Elder Marvin J. Ashton:

“Let me mention a few gifts that are not always evident or noteworthy but that are very important. Among these may be your gifts—gifts not so evident but nevertheless real and valuable.

“Let us review some of these less-conspicuous gifts: the gift of asking; the gift of listening; the gift of hearing and using a still, small voice; the gift of being able to weep; the gift of avoiding contention; the gift of being agreeable; the gift of avoiding vain repetition; the gift of seeking that which is righteous; the gift of not passing judgment; the gift of looking to God for guidance; the gift of being a disciple; the gift of caring for others; the gift of being able to ponder; the gift of offering prayer; the gift of bearing a mighty testimony; and the gift of receiving the Holy Ghost” (*Ensign*, Nov. 1987, 20).

“Nothing would seem more clear than the high premium the Savior put upon selfless service to others as an indispensable element of Christian conduct and of salvation.” —Elder Marion D. Hanks.

