

RED LETTERS

“The Talents”

¹² *We do not dare to classify or **compare ourselves** with some who **commend themselves**. When they **measure themselves by themselves** and **compare themselves with themselves**, they are not wise. 2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)*

Talent = 80 lbs. (of silver / gold)

Talent = 6,000 denarii

Denarii = A day's wage

Talent = 6,000 days wages

Talent = Salary for 20 years

2022 Minimum Wage = \$12 an hour

2022 Minimum Wage Talent = \$499,000

2022 Median Wage = \$50,800

2022 Median Talent = \$1M+

1st servant was given = \$5M

2nd servant was given = \$2M

3rd servant was given = \$1M

Talents = TOTAL PROVISION OF GOD

¹⁵ *And to one he gave **five talents**, to another **two**, and to another **one**, to each according to his own ability...*

Matthew 25:15 (NKJV)

**COMPARISON → JEALOUSY → BITTERNESS →
UNGRATEFULNESS**

²³ *His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. **Enter into the joy of your lord.**’*

Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)

**JOY OF THE LORD = MORE BLESSINGS AND MORE
RELATIONSHIP**

²⁴ *“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘**Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you***

have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground... Matthew 25:24-25 (NKJV)

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**CONTENTMENT → GRATITUDE → JOY → MORE
BLESSINGS**

**Contentment is found in recognizing the total provision
of our lives as the total provision of God!**