

What Does the Bible Say About Using Our Talents?

I. **What...**are talents?

A. Matthew 25:14-30

B. From Dictionary.com

1. **a special natural ability or aptitude:**

2. **a capacity for achievement or success; ability:**

3. a [talented](#) person:

4. a group of persons with special ability:

5. Movies and Television. professional actors collectively, especially star performers.

6. **a power of mind or body considered as given to a person for use and improvement: so called from the parable in Matt. 25:14–30.**

7. any of various ancient units of weight, as a unit of Palestine and Syria equal to 3000 shekels, or a unit of Greece equal to 6000 drachmas.

8. **any of various ancient Hebrew or Attic monetary units equal in value to that of a talent weight of gold, silver, or other metal.**

9. Obsolete. inclination or disposition.

C. We all have talents.

D. Our talents differ.

1. I Peter 4:10

2. Romans 12:6

II. **Why...**use my talents?

A. Who was the unfaithful servant?

B. James 4:17

III. **Who...**is to use their talents?

IV. **When ...**do I use my talents?

A. No expiration dates.

V. **Where...** do I use my talents?

A. Matthew 5: 14 – 16

- VI. **How...**do I use my talents?
- A. Fight the attitude of fear.
 - B. Identify your talents. (Matthew 10:42)
 - C. "Allow" yourself to be less than perfect.
 - D. Find a partner / trio with which to work.
 - E. It is not about me.
 - F. Talents we all have but may need to maximize.