Parable of the Talents (Bilingual)

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[0:00] Hello. Please don't worry about why you are in the house. Please don't worry about the whiteboard. We will put some things in the house. Have you ever wondered what you have to do with your parents?

If you haven't come to your parents, what are your life now? I'll go to that later. Let's change. I've been thinking a lot.
What if my grandparents hadn't left China? What if I've been born to a different family? I remember being confronted by this question very early in my life.
I was 10 years old, and I was touring through China. I was 10 years old, and I was traveling through China.
We were there in the three gorges before it got flooded. I was in the three gorges before it got flooded. My brother and I were walking ahead of our tour group. I was in the two boys. I was walking ahead of the tour group.
[1:16] And on the side of the road, there were two brothers. And on the side of the road, there were two brothers. Now, they actually looked about the same age as us. They were extremely skinny. They were extremely skinny.

Now, the younger one, he was crying. He was crying. His legs were shriveled. His legs were shriveled.
His legs were shriveled. He looked like he was in pain. And the older brother stood there with his hands stretched out. And the older brother stood there with his hands stretched out. And he was asking if we had any money.
Now, my brother and I never talked about this day. But I know both of us were thinking, what if that was me?
Now, for me, life is just kept on going. There have been some ups and downs.
[2:19] But I finished high school and university. I have a job. I have a lovely wife and a son.

I have a house. I have a bed. I have a car. I have a house. I have a bed. I have a car. And even if I didn't have all of those things, God has still given me so much.
I have food to eat. Clothes to wear. I have good health. I have good health and friends.
I have good health and friends. Now, the reason that most of our families moved here is to give us all better opportunities. I know that most of our families moved here is to give us all better opportunities.
To live a better life. To give us as many chances as possible to succeed. And that's what I think sometimes though we have too many possibilities, too many choices.
[3:25] And sometimes it's hard to know what the right choices is. and we can't know what's right. We have a lot of major life choices ahead of us.

It might be VCE, it might be University, it might be what job to take. It might be what job to take. It might be whether you ask that girl or guy out, or whether you want to get married.
So how do we decide on all these things? I believe this parable has the answers for us.
Let's pray that we can understand. Dear Lord, we thank you for your word. We thank you that it guides us. Lord, please keep us from distractions now.
And help us to understand how you would have us respond.■,
I■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■,■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■. And your word is like a sword. And your word is like a sword.
[4:37] I pray that it cuts deep to our hearts. I pray that it cuts deep to our hearts. We put these things in your name. Amen. We put these things in your name. Amen. Now, I'm guessing most of you have probably heard this passage before, right?

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I believe you've probably heard this passage before. I've heard this passage before. Come on, guys. Give me some sort of response. Yes. Yes. No, I can't. Now, did Ben preach on this last year or a while ago before?
Do you guys remember? No? No, no. No,■■■. No,■■■. Were you here when Don Carson preached on it?■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■,■■■■.
Okay, good.■■■. Sorry? That's all right. Alright. Now, this parable is actually pretty straightforward. A boss has given his servant money.
Or talents. Now, the boss goes away, and he's going to come back. Now, he goes, well, for the servants that made money when he was away, he gives them a whole lot more money.
[6:00] But the servant that didn't make money was thrown out. Now, our parents, especially Asians, understand the principles of investment very well.

If they know if you reward them just a little bit, say in our studies, if they reward us a little bit, say in our studies, that will be more of a reward. We might get a real or bigger reward of a better job or something.
So they try to bargain with us. So he'll be able to talk to us. Usually it goes something like this.
If you get 80%, I'll give you 100 dollars. If you get 90%, I'll give you 200 dollars.
Now, if you get 100%, maybe I'll buy you a car or a nice holiday. If you get 100% of them, I'll give you a car or let you go out.
[7:13] From the smiles on your face, I take it that you guys know this, and their parents do this. I'll give you 100% of them. I'll give you 100% of them. I'll give you 100% of them. I'll give you 100% of them. Now, a bad sermon might go something like this.

A bad sermon might go something like this. God has given us a lot of money. We're rich. We live in Doncaster.
We live in Doncaster. God wants us to make even more money. And God wants us to be rich. So, become a Christian. So, become a Christian.
And God will bless you with lots of money. God wants us to be rich. Now, if I started preaching like that, I'm pretty sure Ben and Ivy wouldn't ask me to come back.
I believe if I started this. I believe Ben and Ivy■■ won't let me come back. Because this is very true. Now, what we need to understand is what Jesus is telling his disciples.
[8:18] What we need to understand is what Jesus is telling his disciples. So, the context of this passage is very clear. So, the context of this passage is very clear.

In verses 1 to 3, you can see. In verses 1 to 3, you can see. We know that Jesus, He's actually near Jerusalem. So, look in your Bible, if you're looking along. So, we can look in your Bible. If you're looking along.
If you're looking along. Jesus, that's close to the Bible. Now, we know that Jesus knows He's going to die very, very soon. And He's told His disciples this parable in light of that.
He's told His disciples this parable in light of that. Sorry? There you go. So, He's... Sorry. Yeah. Sorry. He's only telling this parable to His disciples.
Oh. So, He's contrary. He's just telling this parable So, this is actually a specific lesson for Jesus' followers. So, this is actually a specific lesson for Jesus' followers.
[9:16] Now, Jesus is preparing His disciples for the end times. So this is the time between when Jesus goes to heaven, and when He returns to judge everyone.

Now this period is actually where we are now. This period is our time. Now He tells them that the hour that this happens is unexpected. He says this time no one knows.
And from verse 25, sorry, 25 verse 13, they need to be ready. From the 25th chapter 13, he tells us that we are ready. Otherwise, they'll be caught out.
If we don't prepare, we will be taken out. So this is what Jesus is telling His disciples, they need to make sure they remember. So this is what Jesus is telling His disciples, and it's the parable of the talents.
This is the parable of the talents. So to understand the parable, we need to know who the main characters are. To understand the parable, we need to know who the main characters are.
[10:27] So the first section is verses 14 to 19. Now obviously that's Jesus. In verse 14, he's telling his disciples that he'll be going away.

And verse 15, he's going to entrust them with his property, his money. And if you're reading in your Bible, you can see in verse 19, that he's telling them that he might be gone a very long time.

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But he will return. And when he returns, he'll see what they've done with all of that money. He'll see what he's going to use.
Now, we have the slaves. Now, we have the slaves. The slaves get the money or the talents. The slaves get the money or the talents. Now, the slaves are Jesus' followers.
Another translation for slave is servant. Now, in Jesus' time, there were people who were going to use.
[11:50] There weren't any credit cards or credit card debt or things like that. In Jesus' time, there were people who were going to use. Now, we don't have our[redacted]. So, if you had a debt, you would pay that person back by becoming their servant.

If you had a debt, you would pay that person back by becoming their servant. To become that person. It might be a little bit different from our understanding of servant. It might be a little bit different from our understanding of servant.
Not all of the servants were treated poorly. Not all of the servants were treated poorly. Not all of the servants were treated poorly. Some of the servants actually went back to serve their master after they paid him back.
There were some people who were told. Some of the servants were treated poorly. They would still be the ones who were treated poorly. So, the servants could be doctors, accountants.
So, the servants could be doctors, accountants. As well as laborers or cooks.[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted],[redacted] talent[redacted],[redacted],[redacted]?
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[redacted]I remember all of those things belong to God.

[redacted]VCE, uni courses, jobs, work, etc.

[32:50] [redacted]

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