

The Message

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Equality

Matthew 20:11-12

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A Deal Is a Deal

They were robbing him of his right to be generous.



To Each According to His Own Ability

Matthew 25:15

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



**Therefore take the talent from him,
And give it to him who has ten talents.**

Matthew 25:28



Even What He Has Will Be Taken Away

For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away (Matthew 25:29).



All Men Are Created Equal

America believes in equality; not egalitarianism.



I Would Have Received Back My Own with Interest

God's repayment, with interest, is thanksgiving and praise.

You wicked and lazy servant. You should have used the talent I gave you, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.





Equal Justice



You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor (Leviticus 19:15).



To Blame the Circumstances Is to Blame God



Do Not Rob God of His Right to be Generous!

It is better to give than to receive.



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