



TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN IRELAND CAN SPEND UP TO 6 HOURS A DAY ON
THEIR SMART PHONES - DOES THIS TREND REFLECT YOUR USAGE?

WHAT DO YOU SPEND THE BULK OF YOUR TIME ON, OUTSIDE SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?

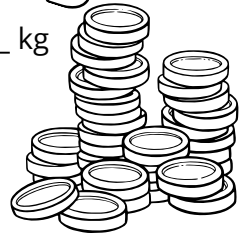


WATCH FR PATRICK CAHILL EXPLAIN THIS GOSPEL IN HIS VIDEO: "TIME, TALENT, TREASURE FOR
OTHERS" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



A "talent" in biblical terms was a measure of silver. How much silver was 5 talents? _____ kg

What were the servants supposed to do with the talents they were given?



Summarise each of the Three Ts in the grid below:

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Explain Fr Patrick's analogy of the plastic tools and real tools in your own words:



Referencing the gift of intelligence, how does Fr Patrick explain the
ways you can use that for yourself only or for serving others:

What is key to remember about the Three T's and why we were given them?

THINK ABOUT IT! If a class or a sports team or a family even were striving to serve others - how awesome would that be!?

What situation in rural Ireland exemplifies this attitude really well? Explain.

Choose one of the following and explain how they could use their talents to
serve others and give glory to God: **teacher** | **singer** | **politician** | **mechanic**



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MATTHEW 25:14-30

Explain the following in your own words: ***"To whom much has been given, much is expected."***

God doesn't care about the things we can think are important e.g. the accumulation of wealth. What matters to God is the good we do with these things.

Why was the Master so angry with the servant who buried the talent?

What is the end goal for all of this selflessness and service? Where should we keep our eyes focused?



Now Read Matthew 25:14-30



It's been said that love can be spelled "T-I-M-E"... we put our time and our treasure into what we love. Today's parable is an interesting one. Each servant was given a measure of silver, a number of talents, according to their ability to use or invest them. We shouldn't look to others and wish for their lives, we each have been given exactly what we need to serve others and give glory to God in the situations we find ourselves in. There's a simple phrase that's worth remembering: ***"Blossom where you're planted!"*** If we don't use the time, treasure and talents we have at our disposal, but instead wish for another situation in life, or to be someone else, we miss out on the exact opportunities God has given to us to become the best version of ourselves. False humility isn't helpful either: if you are good at something, there's no point pretending that you're not, but rather use that gift for others! The amazing thing about all of this is that whatever we give, we know the Lord will bless and multiply. Think of the little boy with the loaves and the fish - all Jesus needed was his yes to feed thousands! Whatever we have been given, let's give it back to God, using it to do good for others and glorifying God by our attitude and actions!

MISSION!

TAKE SOME TIME THIS WEEK TO TAKE AN HONEST LOOK AT YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR TREASURE. HOW CAN YOU USE THESE TO SERVE OTHERS AND BRING GLORY TO GOD? WHAT CONCRETE CHANGES DO YOU NEED TO MAKE?



PRAYER TIME!

Lord, help us to be wise and faithful servants. May we use whatever we have for good, so that we may help others. May we return all that you have given us to you - all for the greater glory of the Father, so we might hear these words someday with our own ears: "Well done, good and faithful servant, ... come and join in your master's happiness."



CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON SERVING GOD AND OTHERS



- The Afters: Well Done
- Matthew West: Do Something
- Kathy Troccoli: Go Light Your World
- Sidewalk Prophets: Live Like That
- Casting Crowns: What If I Gave Everything
- John Waller: While I'm Waiting
- Steven Curtis Chapman: Love Take Me Over
- Kari Jobe: The Cause of Christ



What does God want me to do? Fr Mike Schmitz





Bishop Barron on The Parable of the Talents




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Reflected on your own Time, Talents and Treasures below and how you can use them to serve others and God

TIME	WHAT FREE TIME DO I HAVE EACH WEEK?	HOW CAN I USE THIS FOR OTHERS AND FOR GOD?
		

TALENTS	WHAT TALENTS AND SKILLS HAVE I BEEN BLESSED WITH?	HOW CAN I USE THESE FOR OTHERS AND FOR GOD?
		

TREASURE	WHAT WEALTH OR OTHER MATERIAL POSSESSIONS COULD I SHARE? (IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MONEY!)	HOW CAN I USE THESE FOR OTHERS AND FOR GOD?
		

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