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EMBELISHMENTS

Jesus was always the ultimate teacher. The parable of the Gospel was the ultimate teaching moment. Listen to the story once again. This was not just a story of a businessman on a trip, like a CEO, The Master had entrusted a large sum of money to each his servants to see how the servants would handle it.

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five.

He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents.

See, I have made five more.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters,

I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master's joy.'"

The key to the story is that Jesus gave the talents to each of his servants according to their abilities. He was hoping they would learn from that and build on his request of using their own abilities for his gain...and they did him well. When he returned from his journey, he found that they did as he had asked them (for the most part) and his money was returned as requested. He was a happy teacher because each had indeed used their own abilities for his gain...for the most part.

The day will come when each of us will have to make an accounting of what we have learned from the Master and how we have used our TALENTS to the best of our abilities.

If we do right by learning from his teachings, we will hear him say to each of us, 'Well done, my good and faithful servants. Come, share your master's joy.'
