

A script from



## **“Use It or Lose It”**

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- What** A fun way of telling the parable of the talents. **Themes:** Money, Responsibility, Talents, Gifts, Stewardship
- Who** Narrator 1  
Narrator 2
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** None
- Why** Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 19:12-28
- How** Keep the dialogue quick and snappy. This could work as a Reader’s Theatre piece or as a memorized skit.
- Time** Approximately 4-5 minutes

*Narrator 1 and Narrator 2 address the audience.*

- 1: What do you have that belongs to God?
- 2: What do you do with what belongs to Him?
- 1: There was a man.
- 2: He was just a man...a man's man...a man like any other man.
- 1: Who was very rich.
- 2: The guy was loaded! Money was coming out of his ears!
- 1: Right. The man had to go on a journey.
- 2: A long, strenuous journey. Many, miles away. Probably would take him days ...no, months...no, years!
- 1: Can we get on with it?
- 2: I just want them to get it.
- 1: *(To audience)* Do you get it? *(To 2)* They get it.
- 2: That's all I wanted.
- 1: Aaanyway. . . the rich man had to leave behind his wealth, so he left it to be cared for by his three servants.
- 2: That's kinda dumb, don't you think? Leaving your stuff with the help?
- 1: Maybe they were trustworthy.
- 2: *(An aside)* Yikes!
- 1: *(Huffing)*
- 2: They wealth man said to his first servant:
- 1: "I am leaving you with five talents."
- 2: Five what?
- 1: Talents. A talent is worth about \$1,000.
- 2: Whoa, whoa, whoa! You mean the wealthy guy left this servant guy FIVE of those . . . what did you call them?
- 1: Talents.

- 2: Yeah, those. FIVE? Well, that's five thousand dollars!
- 1: You figured that out all by yourself?
- 2: Very funny.
- 1: *(Trying to continue)* TO THE SECOND SERVANT, he left 2 talents.
- 2: That's \$2,000.
- 1: And to the third servant, he left 1 talent.
- 2: That's \$1,000.
- 1: *(Pats 2 on the head)* All this and he fetches, too.
- 2: Ha, ha.

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**ENDING:**

- 1: What do you have that belongs to God?
- 2: What do you do with what belongs to him?
- 1: Maybe you write and sing songs.
- 2: Do you encourage friends? Maybe you cook.
- 1: Maybe you've got money or stuff to share.
- 2: Could be you've got a set of wheels.
- 1: You're good at sports.
- 2: Have a great personality.
- 1: God has given good and perfect gifts like these.
- 2: And He's left them with you - the help.
- 1: What will you do with it?
- 2: Use it or lose it.

- 1: If you use it for God, He'll bless it.
- 2: If you don't, He can't.
- 1: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
- 2: Hide it under a bushel?
- 1 & 2: NO! I'm gonna let it shine.