

what are you doing with your “talents”?

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the parable of the talents

¹⁴ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

matthew 25:14-15

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¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

matthew 25:16-18

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¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

matthew 25:19

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²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

matthew 25:21

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²⁶ "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.'

matthew 25:26-27

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²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. ²⁹ '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. ³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' **matthew 25:28-30**

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principles from the parable of the talents

1. The master entrusted his servants with his goods.
2. Each one was entrusted according to his ability.
3. Each one had a choice as to his response.
4. The master came to settle accounts.
5. There was either reward or judgment.

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principles of the kingdom

1. Jesus entrusts His people (us) with "talents".
2. Each of us is entrusted according to our ability.
3. Each of us has a choice as to our response.
4. Jesus will come back to settle accounts.
5. There will be either reward or judgment.

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what are your "talents"?

1. Each of us has time (everyone has 24hrs a day).
 2. Each of us has money or access to money.
 3. Each of us has the ability to create wealth.
 4. Each of us has a specific skill or natural ability.
 5. Each of us has a supernatural gift or ability.
 6. Each of us has a measure of faith.
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what made the difference?

²⁴ "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ **And I was afraid**, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

matthew 25:24-25

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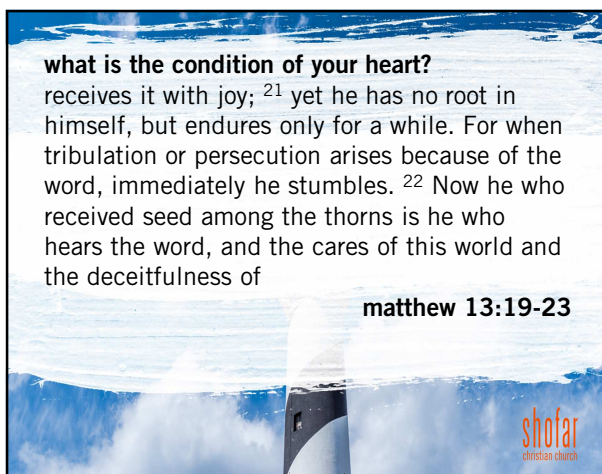
what is the condition of your heart?

¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

²⁰ But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately

matthew 13:19-23

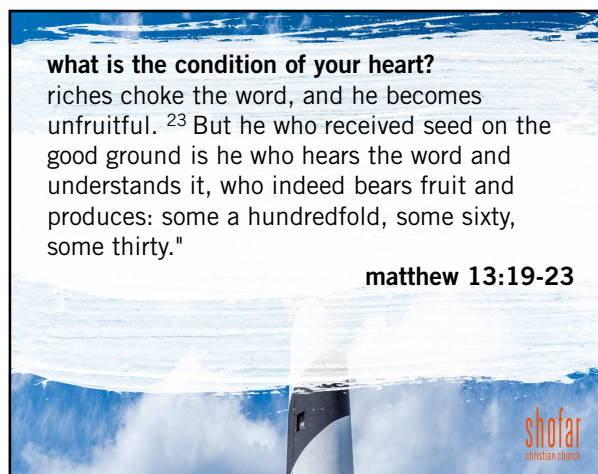
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what is the condition of your heart?
receives it with joy; ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. ²² Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of

matthew 13:19-23

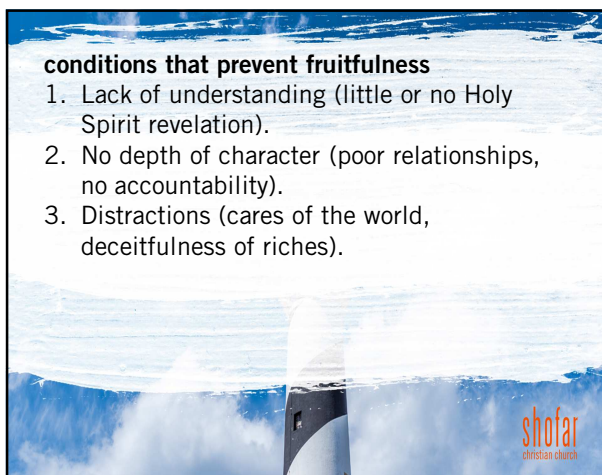
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riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. ²³ But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

matthew 13:19-23

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conditions that prevent fruitfulness

1. Lack of understanding (little or no Holy Spirit revelation).
2. No depth of character (poor relationships, no accountability).
3. Distractions (cares of the world, deceitfulness of riches).

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