

# The Parable of the Talents

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Read Matthew 25:14–30, or watch “The Parable of the Talents” (3:03), available at [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://ChurchofJesusChrist.org). The following information may be helpful as you study this parable:

- A “talent” refers to a very large sum of money in ancient times. In this parable, it can symbolize “something of great value,” such as the gospel or blessings, gifts, abilities, and opportunities the Lord gives us (see Guide to the Scriptures, “Talent,” [scriptures.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://scriptures.ChurchofJesusChrist.org)).
- The term “usury” can refer to simply charging interest on a loan or can imply an unduly high interest rate (see Bible Dictionary, “Usury”).
- The lord symbolizes Jesus Christ.
- The servants represent each of us.

Draw a picture that illustrates this parable.

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# The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

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Read Matthew 25:31–46, or watch “Ye Have Done It unto Me” (3:14), available at [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://ChurchofJesusChrist.org). The following information may be helpful to know as you study this parable:

- The “right hand”: In ancient times, being seated at the right hand of the king, or next to the king on his right side, was the most honorable position at a feast.

Draw a picture that illustrates this parable.