

THE PROCLAIMER



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According to Jesus, you are Richer than you Think

When Jesus told the parable of the talents he expressed something most people overlook. While the main teaching of the parable likely pertains to stewardship, accountability, or our need to be prepared for the judgment, we have probably never thought about one subtle truth that I believe he also implied.

There were three servants. The first was given 5 talents, the second was given 2 talents, and the third was given 1 talent. They were entrusted with these talents and their master expected them to do something with them. We have all been given something by God, some blessing, some responsibility over which we must give account. I think most of us see ourselves as the one talent servant, and to us, that probably means we don't see ourselves as very important, or very talented, or very valuable.

But do you know how much a talent was worth in the days of Christ? In my Bible, Thomas Nelson Publishers has added a standard translation of weights and measures. According to their estimation, one talent of gold in today's society would be worth just under 6,000,000 dollars, while a talent of silver would be worth somewhere in the neighborhood of 400,000 dollars. Either way you look at it, that's a great deal of money, even if we are just one talent servants.

The point is simply that we are much richer than we think. How thought provoking, that when Jesus chose to express in a parable what God has entrusted to humanity, he used the most valuable symbol of monetary measurement that existed in his time! We need not to think that he is even talking about the clothes on our back, or the food on our table, or the warm homes in which we live. These are not the true riches. We need to realize that God's greatest gift bestowed upon the world was actually Jesus himself, and for each of us that means something specific. It means we need to use what the master has given us individually to bring glory and honor to His name.

Today I have decided I am not going to look at myself and think I am nothing. After all, Jesus decided that I was worth dying for! If I am just the one talent man, Jesus says I have nearly six million bucks with which to serve him. I am not going to bury what God has given me. I am going to look for opportunities to appreciate what I have been blessed with, invest it by my faith in God into the hearts of others, and allow him and him alone to make it grow.

I know that God is not concerned about how much return he receives on what he has given me. I know that he just wants me to see that I am blessed. He just wants me to be thankful. He just wants me to glorify him with it. He just wants me to try.

"To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away." – Matthew 25:29

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS DECEMBER 4, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“His Grace Reaches Me”

Romans 3:21-26

6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“the Most Important thing To Remember During The Holidays”

Philippians 4:11



PANTRY ITEMS

December 4 - 10

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Mixed Fruit

#15 - College Class

Peanut Butter

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Mixed Fruit

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Spaghetti Sauce

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Tuna

Auditorium Class

Peaches

FOR THE RECORD – November 27, 2016

9:00 a.m.	509
10:15 a.m.	382
6:00 p.m.	334
Wed 11/23	273

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

November 30 – December 7

New Creation

II Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

II Corinthians 6:14

“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness.”

BUS DRIVER



Bus driver for Sunday, December 4

And Wednesday, December 7 is:
Robert Oakes (931-510-8018).

*We have received “Thank You” cards from:
Karl, Hannah and baby Marlee Nye
Larry & Debbie Farley*



The December Ladies Activity will be Monday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Signup sheet and information are on the Ladies bulletin board in the foyer or see Debbie Gaw or Mary Chaffin.



WILLOW MEALS

Make a difference in someone's life – sign up to prepare a dish to help with Willow Meals. The menus for **December** are posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. **WE NEED COOKS!**

Activity for Youth

Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Friday night, December 2

More details available soon

Signup sheet on the Youth Board

TWEEN-AGERS

Remember your December activity is Sunday, December 11. Be sure to sign up this Sunday, December 4 so reservations can be made.



FRUIT BASKETS

The Benevolence Committee will assemble Fruit Baskets on Friday, December 16.

Short Mountain Bible Camp

If anyone is interested in having seats reserved for the Short Mountain Bible Camp fundraising dinner on December 10th, please see Chase Fletcher.

YOUTH



There will be a preteen adoption after school on Wednesday, December 14th for grades K-6th.

There is a signup sheet on the youth bulletin board, and you will need \$3 for pizza.

HOW TO OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is observed:

"In spirit and in truth" – John 4:24

"Decently and in order" – 1 Corinthians 14:40

In remembrance of Christ's sacrifice – Luke 22:19

In anticipation of Christ's return – 1 Corinthians 11:26

On the first day of each week – Acts 20:7

Upon self-examination – 1 Corinthians 11:28

It is observed to proclaim Christ as the Savior of men – 1 Corinthians 11:26

(House to House – Heart to Heart)

DO A LITTLE MORE

Do more than exist – Live!

Do more than touch – Feel!

Do more than look – Observe!

Do more than read – Absorb!

Do more than hear – Listen!

Do more than listen – Understand!

Do more than think – Ponder!

Do more than talk – Say Something!

(House to House – Heart to Heart)

God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace – Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood – Romans 5:9

The Holy spirit's Gospel – romans 1:16

Sinner's Faith – Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance – Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession – Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism – 1 Peter 3:21

Christian's Work – James 2:24

Christian's Hope – Romans 8:24

Christian's Endurance – Revelation 2:10

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Sandy Johnson back at worship.

> *Faye Jackson is home after being in the hospital with pneumonia.*

> *Wilma Lambert is sick at home.*

> *Ricky Sherrell is recuperating and waiting to come home following his stem cell transplant.*

> *Ryan Smith had neck fusion surgery on Monday. The surgery went well and he came home Monday night.*

> *Larry Cyphers (brother of Judy Bybee) has stage 4 glioclastoma multiforme cancer. Will start treatments on Monday.*

> *Cliff Raney (grandfather of Kayla West and brother-in-law of Johnny Goodwin) in is critical condition in Vanderbilt Hospital.*

> *Carson Vaughn (brother of Charlie Vaughn) has been moved from Signature to Overton County Nursing Home.*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: George Reitenour, Peggy Richardson, Edith Stewart, Ann Walker

Those dealing with cancer: Rosemary Andrews, Bud Scott, Sandra Sitto, Brenda Carroll (taking treatments), Joy Carter (taking treatments), Janet Craighead, Julie Denny, Darlana Robichaud, Alexis Szymczak (taking treatments)

Those dealing with ongoing health problems: Michael Allison, Carl & Aileen Alred, Susan Ashburn, Helen Burgess, Kelly Fletcher, Pat Goodpasture, Sherree Hawkins, Judy Hix, Rose Keith, Harold & Donna Kinnaird, Barbara Loftis, George Reitenour, Billy Sliger, Owen & Maudean Sparks, Peggy Sparks, Amos Spurlock, Jimmy Sitto

Shut-Ins at Home: Dib Anderson, Bud Bartlett, Patti Boyd, Belle Butts, Robert Cowan, Florene Davis, Ruth Gentry, Ben Gore, Rick Grimes, Mamie Henry, Marie Jackson, Reda Judd, Virginia McGee, Ressie Pharris, Jean Pitts, Rachel Stafford, Jessie Thomas, Betty Tinch

Bethesda: Nola Judd, Barbara Loftis, Irene McBroom, Jimmy Sitto,

Cedar Hills Senior Living: Phyllis Julian, Sara Lewis, Zina Mitchell

Heritage Point Assisted Living: Bud Scott

Life Care Center Sparta: Leslie Cole, Eddie DeLoach, Billie Watson

Senior Lifestyles: Shelby & Bonnie Forkum

Signature Healthcare: Doris Haile, Juanita Nation, **Mabry Healthcare Gainesboro:** Olga Szalay, Kathleen Ragland, Betty Richardson, Glenn Webb

Morningside: Pearl Cockrum, Mildred Palk, Edith Stewart

NHC: Ann McWaters, Rebecca Brown

Overton County Nursing Home: Carson Vaughn

CARE LINE: 931-432-6333

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1150 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38506

ELDERS

Jeff Gaw - Larry Harp
Dan Huffines - John Hudson
Roy Johnson - Gary Risley
Reed Wilson

DEACONS

Barry Allison - Ralph Bryant
Tom Bumbalough - Mark Caldwell
Charles Cobb - Tyler Gaw - Dennis Hood
Todd Hudson - Buddy King
David Lancaster - Phil Phillips - Paul Pippin
Steve Qualls - Rick Ramsey
Denny Richardson - Tim Richardson
David Ray Smith - Ryan Smith
Tom Stafford - Glenn Stockton
Don West - Richard Wood

MINISTERS

Jeremiah Tatum - Preacher
Mike Dyer - Involvement Minister
Chase Fletcher - Youth Minister

SECRETARIES

Vickie Stockton & Cathy Whiteaker

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship 9:00
Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:15
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00

RADIO BROADCASTS

Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 AM
WHUB - AM1400
"Minutes of Meditation"
Three Times Daily Monday - Friday
WLQK 95.9 FM and WLIV 104.7 FM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.
Office Phone 931-432-2333
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Website www.willowcofc.net
Email willowcofc@twlakes.net

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - DECEMBER 4

Lead Singing - Roy Johnson
Read Scripture - Art Montgomery
First Prayer - Larry Harp
Last Prayer - Tom Tomberlin
Announcements - Mark Caldwell
Give Thanks - Tom Stafford

Serve the Congregation -

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
David Ragland	Tim Woodward
Karl Nye	David Ray Smith
Dan Evans	Bart Cagle
Tyler Gaw	Barry Allison

Take Communion to the Shut-ins - David Lancaster
Allen Richardson

Usher in the Auditorium - Dennis Hood & Danny Phillips

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors
(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door - Justin Asbury
South Door - Jimmy Mackie

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday
Songs - Todd Hudson
Sound - Tom Spohnholtz

Parking Lot Patrol - Glenn Stockton

Keep Nursery - Leda Lancaster & Leigh Caldwell
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Greet at Doors before Service & Hand Out Flyers
(Please be here by 8:30 am)

Door #1 - Bill Maynard
Door #2 - Kylie Richards & Cathy Whiteaker
Door #3 - Myra & Cole Walker
Door #4 - Denny & Floy Richardson
Door #5 - Gina Shockey

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - DECEMBER 4

Lead Singing - Gary Risley
Read Scripture - James Tiensvold
First Prayer - Lindon Carwile
Last Prayer - Toby Russell
Announcements - Mark Caldwell

Serve At The Lord's Table - Garland Wheeler & Ron Johnson

Keep Nursery - Lisa West & Sabrina Cagle
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol - Glenn Stockton

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - DECEMBER 7

Lead Singing - Jared West
Invitation - Luke Tatum
Announcements - Mark Caldwell
Prayer - Steve Qualls
Parking Lot Patrol - Glenn Stockton

Pens-Pencils-Pews - Week of December 4-10 Youth Group

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:
Charles Cobb 526-4337 or Lewis Coomer 252-2051**