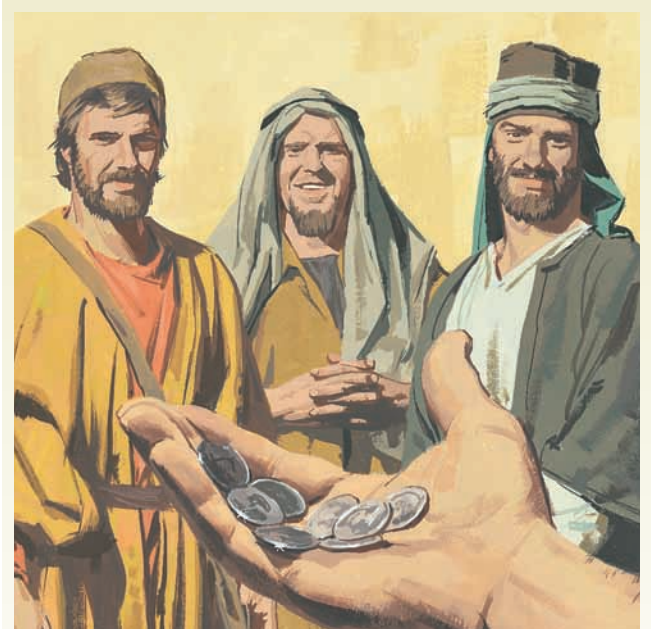




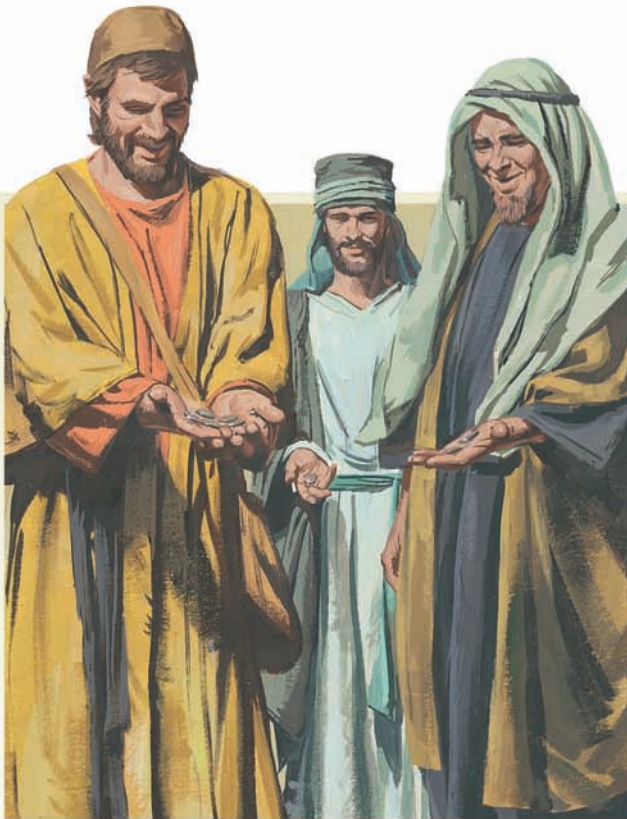
CHAPTER 48

The Talents



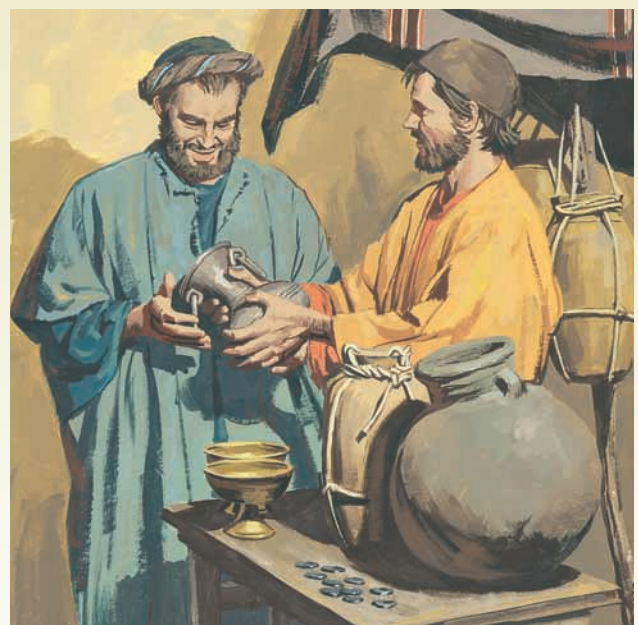
Jesus told His disciples a story about a man who gave his servants some talents. A talent was a large amount of money.

Matthew 25:14-15



The man gave one servant five talents. He gave another servant two talents. He gave a third servant one talent. Then the man went on a journey.

Matthew 25:15



The servant with five talents worked hard. He earned five more talents. He now had ten talents.

Matthew 25:16



The servant with two talents also worked hard. He earned two more talents. He now had four talents.

Matthew 25:17



The servant with one talent buried it in the ground. He was afraid he would lose it. He did not work to earn any more talents.

Matthew 25:18



When the man came back, he asked the servants what they had done with his talents.

Matthew 25:19



The first servant brought him ten talents. The man was happy. He made the servant a leader over many things and told him to be joyful.

Matthew 25:20-21



The second servant brought the man four talents. This also made the man happy. He made the

second servant a leader over many things and told him to be joyful.

Matthew 25:22-23



The third servant gave the man back the talent he had buried. The man was not happy. He said the servant was lazy. He should have worked hard to earn more talents.

Matthew 25:24-27



The man took the talent from the third servant and gave it to the first servant. Then he sent the lazy servant away. The man in the story is like Jesus. We are like the servants. Jesus will judge how we each use the gifts we have been given.

Matthew 25:28-30