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Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

- to one he gave five talents
- to another two
- to another one
- each according to his own ability
- *But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money*

“...You wicked, lazy slave...”

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PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Roadside; Rocky Soil; Thorny Soil; Good Soil

Seed = Word of GOD

Luke 8:14 "Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and **bring no fruit to maturity.**"

Luke 8:15 "But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and **bear fruit with perseverance.**"

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THE TWO FOUNDATIONS

Matthew 7:24 “Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them...”

WISE

Matthew 7:26 “Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them...”

FOOLISH

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THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Mark 10:17 “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Mark 10:21 “Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him”

“One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, *follow Me.*”

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THE CHRISTIAN VIRTUES

2 PETER 1:5-7

- **FAITH**
- **MORAL EXCELLENCE**
- **KNOWLEDGE**
- **SELF-CONTROL**
- **PERSEVERANCE**
- **GODLINESS**
- **BROTHERLY KINDNESS**
- **LOVE**

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2 PETER 1:8 “For if these things are yours and abound, you will be **neither barren nor unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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