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The Parable of the Talents



Matthew 25:14-30



Mt 25:14 “Again, (the kingdom of heaven at the end of the age) will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

¹⁵ To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability.



Mt 25:15 Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Mt 25:19

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’



Mt 25:21

**“His master replied,
'Well done, good and
faithful servant!**

**You have been
faithful with a few
things; I will put you
in charge of many
things.**

**Come and share
your master's
happiness!’**



Mt 25:22

“The man with the two talents also came.

‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’



Mt 25:23

“His master replied,
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Mt 25:24 “Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’



Mt 25:26 “His master replied, **You wicked, lazy servant!** So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.



Mt 25:28 “ ‘Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.

29 For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance.

Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

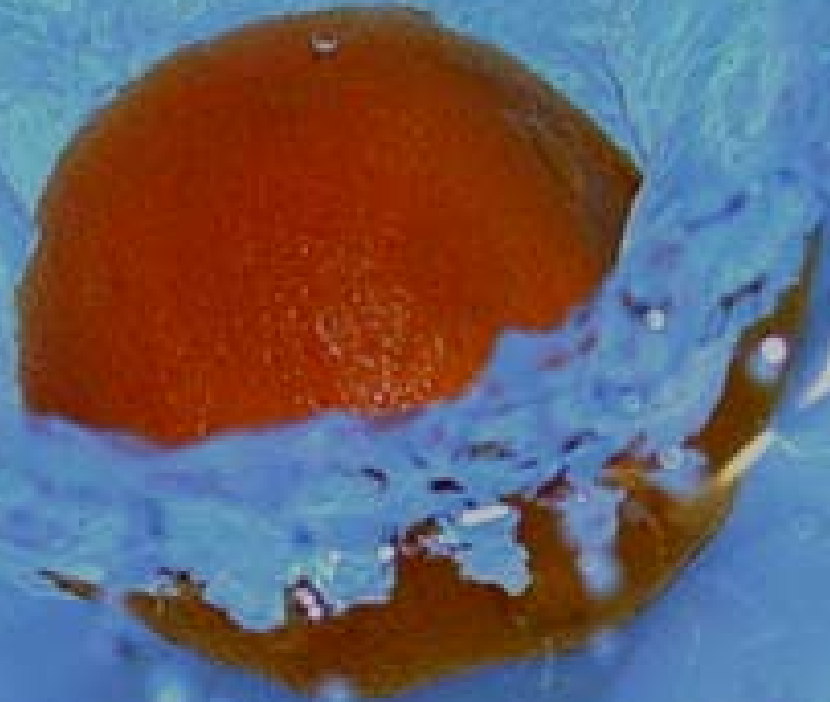
Mt 25:30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'





Memory verse:

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and...



Memory verse:

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

“Refresh”



Messages that will refresh your life
right where you need it.

*"Teaching, like rain out of heaven,
showers of words to refresh and
nourish your soul..." Joel 2:23 MSG*



Q/ How can
my work
work?

A photograph of a man and a young boy working together on a roof. The man, on the left, is wearing a blue t-shirt and jeans, and is using a hammer. The boy, on the right, is wearing a yellow t-shirt and is using a nail gun. They are both smiling and appear to be enjoying their work. The background shows a white house with a grey roof.

Refresh from God:

1. We were created
to work and to work
is to create.

2. But an
overworked
Christian is an
oxymoron.



Mt 11:30



“...pure bombardment: ...

too much work relative to the time we have,

too many demands from our work and
personal lives, and

too many decisions facing us and not
enough time to deliberate about them...

too much to deal with in a world which is

too busy” – Douglas LaBier



3. A lazy path
isn't as refreshing
as being faithful
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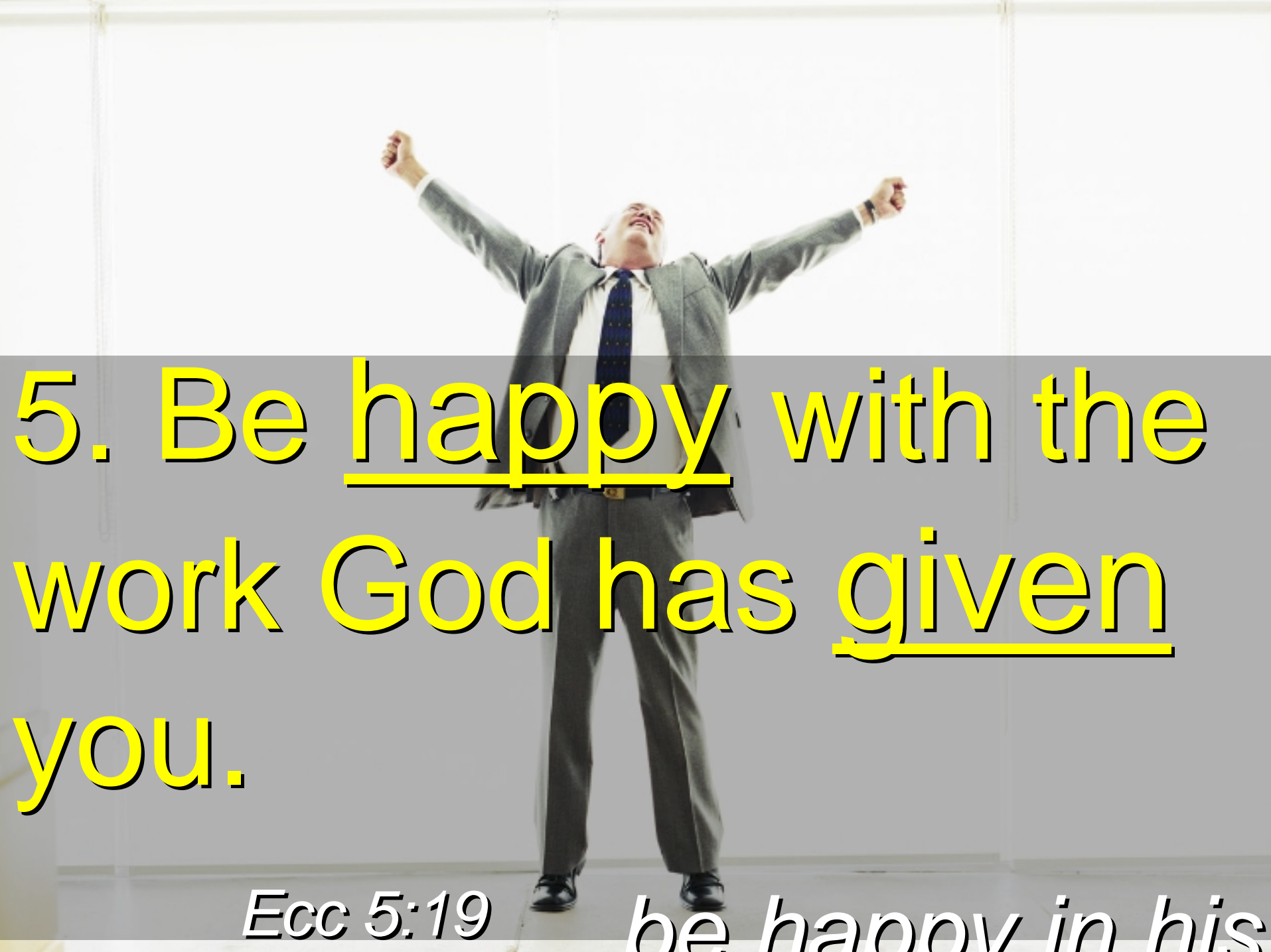
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4. The best career is
to be a servant of
God, not a lord of
men.



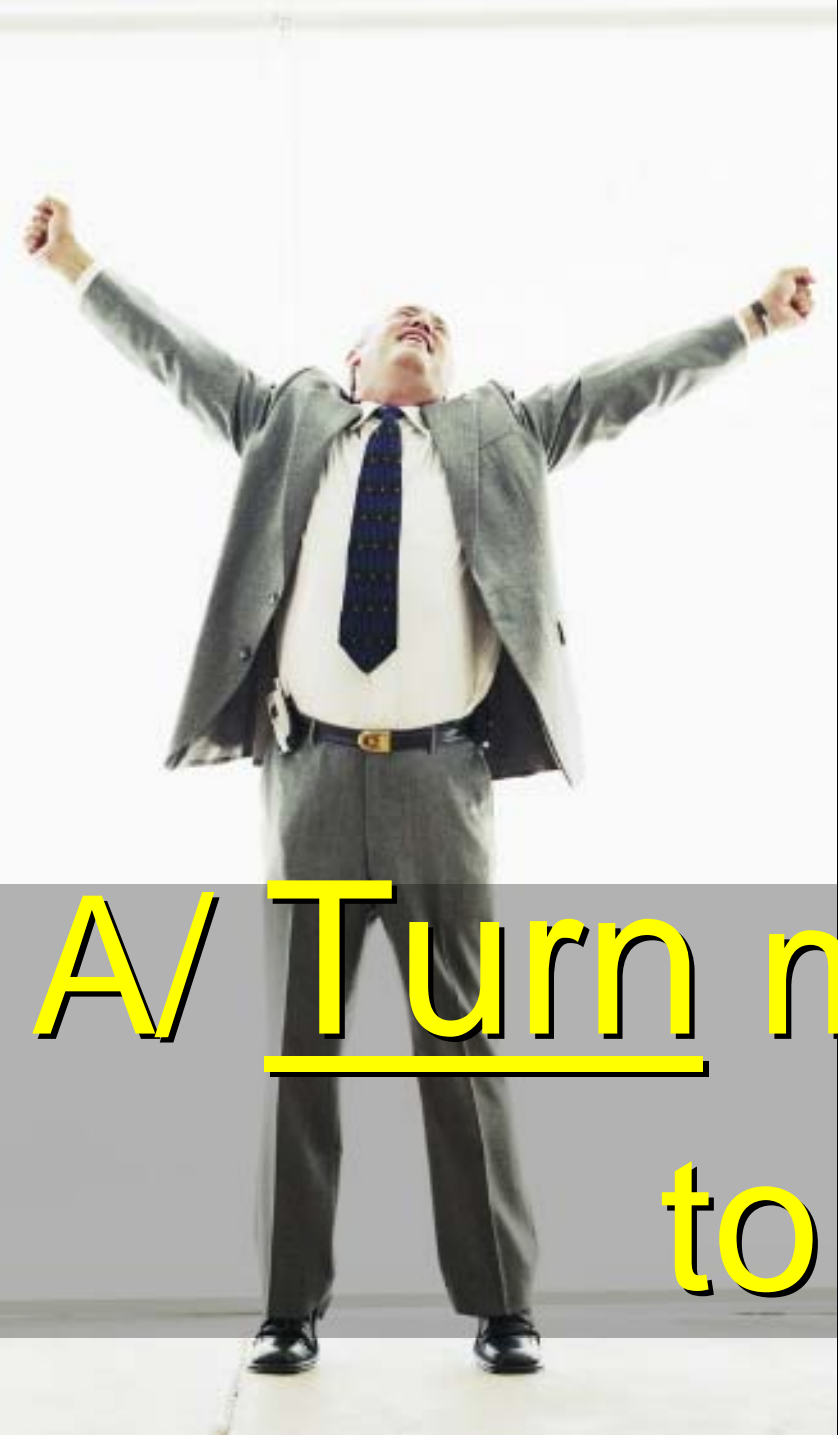
Eph 6:7 Serve wholeheartedly

A man in a grey suit and blue tie stands with his arms raised in a gesture of triumph or joy, looking upwards. He is positioned in front of a large window with vertical blinds. The background is bright and slightly overexposed.

5. Be happy with the
work God has given
you.

Ecc 5:19

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A/ Turn my work over
to the Master.