

in comparison with the power of God, the amount of talent he gives any one of us is so near the amount that every other one has that there is hardly any (1 3/4)

He gives us each a talent. There is no person living that is living, that God hasn't given some talent. And there is no person living whose talents, no matter how tremendous they are, will amount to a fraction of the ability of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are equal in His sight and the differences between us are very, very slight in comparison with the difference between us and Him. But when we compare those differences with one another, we find that they vary tremendously compared with the talents (2 1/2)

one has five talents, one has two talents, and one has only one talent, and there is that difference between Christians. People vary, this one is very excellent in this and very poor in this.

My little boy last night was working on some mechanical drawing(2 3/4) and I said when it comes to drawing nice figures and making lines that are exactly on the right place, I said, I never could have done it. I was no help to him at all, I have absolutely no talent in that particular direction, but I looked at the directions for the figures that he was to make and for the lines he was to find in the (3) and I found I had an entirely kind of ability, but an ability to take the words in the directions and to figure out the meaning and to show ~~he~~ him ~~how~~ he could save a great deal of time. I couldn't do it, but I could figure it out, I had a certain talent here, I don't have ~~it~~ ^{a talent} here. And every one has certain talents. We have ability of this type and we don't have ability of this type, and we vary tremendously. Far more than the difference between the five talents and the two talents in this account, we vary tremendously. So the picture here tells us that we should ~~not~~ not despair if He has given us less than He has given (3 3/4)

The parable of the pounds shows that compared with Him the difference between us is hardly worth mentioning. But the parable of the talents and the pounds, that when the man received his rebuke from the Lord, it was not because he had less talents than the others but because he failed to make use of the talent which he had. Our Lord