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make it sure that we really are those who are determined to do their Lord's will to the fullest sense of the word. ^{¶ Now} There are two kinds ~~of~~ of servants; they are profitable servants, and unprofitable servants. But ~~there~~ the line of demarkation is not absolutely rigid like the line of demarkation between the rebellious servants and the faithful servants. Here there is none of us who can say, that he is 100 % profitable ^{to God} ~~servant~~. For we all are to some extent unprofitable servants, and sometimes we are unprofitable servants. But there are laid down in the parable certain principles which are vital for us to understand ~~if~~ if we are going to make our ^{lives} more and more those of the profitable servants rather than those of the ~~of~~ unprofitable servants. Here we notice one of the most striking differences between the two. I refer to you before the difference between

the man who hid the one talent under the ground, and the man who wrapped the ^{pound} ~~talent~~ in a napkin. I think that it is perfectly obvious that there is no difference ~~¶~~ ¶ The difference between the two cases is that:

here at all. In one case each one is given one pound, and in another case one is given five talents, and one is given two talents, and one one talent. ^{There} ~~It~~ would

seem to be a sharp difference between the two, and yet both are true. ~~We believe in the United States a sharp difference between the two, and yet both are true.~~

We believe in the United States in the great ~~of~~ statements of our Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal, and yet we recognize that there are tremendous differences in the talents and ability of different

people. And that difference is also in our relation to Christ, I think that having these two parables with this difference: ^{he wanted} ~~one is~~ to bring out that point

clearly... everyone who belongs to Christ, ~~and--~~ can be thought of as having one pound, we are all equal before God. Everyone of us has different work

before ~~Him~~, everyone of us has ^{duties to do} ~~due~~ for Him, ~~and~~ and we are all equal before God.

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