

But we can easily fall under the Lord's condemnation of the wicked and slothful servant, because we all tend to bury some of our talents instead of bringing them out and working to develop them and working to utilize them for the Lord's service.

I was down in Maryland one day, and was ~~XXXX~~ taking a long walk through some hilly country there and was beginning to get a little tired and had quite a distance yet to go, and a man came along in a car and asked me if I'd like a ride. I accepted and rode with him and as we rode along he told me how he had gone hunting over in this area and he had hunted in that area and he enjoyed hunting up in this section. He was a great devotee of hunting and other sports. He got a lot of fun out of life and he told me all these things he had done. Then as we came along we came to a place where there were two farms and he stopped in front of the gate of one of them and said that was as far as he was going. But before he left me, he said, You see this farm? You looked at it and every thing was kind of run down. It looked as if it just had not had much done to it. Then he said, Look at this other farm over there. He said that farm is worth double what this one is. He said, Look at the fruit the way it is growing, look at the condition of the barn! Now he said, My father owned that farm over there. He sold it and bought this one, and I've never been able to figure out why he did such a foolish thing~~x~~ as to sell that farm over there and switch to this one. As I looked at them I thought I could tell why the farms were so different. I did not think it was because the soil was better or because one was inherently better. But he was so interested in his sports ~~that~~ and in his fun that he let the thing get run down and then he ~~XXXX~~ his father for it. Everyone of us can let things slide along and do what we feel like and not accomplish much and then we will blame others for it. But the Lord knows better than to put the blame on others. He will call them wicked