

# What a Waste

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## The Burden of Talent

Who you are is God's gift to you. Who you become is your gift to God. God gives each of us any number of gifts/opportunities/talents in the course of our lives. Each one of these comes with a responsibility. The burden of the gift is that we must all do what we can to invest what God has invested in us.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Is there a talent you wish you could have but don't right now? Discuss.
  2. Talents are given not just to have, talents are given for a purpose. Do I even want to use the gifts, talents, or opportunities for the purpose that God's entrusted me with them? Why or why not?
  3. Each one of us, at the end of our life, is going to have to stand before God and we will have to answer this question: "What did you do with the talents that I gave you?" Are there gifts, talents, or opportunities that you have in your life right now that are wasting away? What is keeping you from investing in them? Discuss.
  4. "Who you are is God's gift to you. Who you become is your gift to God." Look at the person that you are, right now, as you are. Can you see His purpose for you in the gifts and opportunities He has given you? What is one thing you could do today to fulfill that purpose, to invest in those gifts and talents as a gift to Him in response?
  5. Do I struggle with taking initiative, letting myself be challenged, or risking failure when it comes to investing in the talents, gifts, and opportunities I have been given? How so?
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## God in Real Life

1. Initiative is the ability or power to begin or follow through with a task or a plan. What is one opportunity that's open for me to fulfill God's purpose in my life? Make a plan to both begin and follow through with that opportunity.
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## To the Heart

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"  
Matthew 23:25