

Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, Sep 1st 2012

A 'talent' was a measure of weight. You could have a talent of gold, a talent of silver, a talent of iron, etc.; it does not matter – it still a latent! This is surely part of the parable's message. It does not matter what kind of talents you have. We are to risk our talents, this parable teaches. The man who had only one talent was afraid to lose it, so he buried it in the ground. He probably looked at the people who had two talents or five, and he said, "It is all right for them; they can afford to risk and lose, but I have only one chance and it would be madness to risk it." Very logical, but there would be no life on earth if that logic prevailed everywhere.

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