

Talent

**Personal skill or ability;
natural or learned.**



Matthew Chapter 25 relates Jesus' telling the Parable of the Talents. A rich man was going on a journey and entrusted some of his money to three of his servants; two of those servants put the money to work and one, out of fear hid the money. When the master returned and called the servants to account for the money entrusted to them; two servants provided the money with return on their investment and were rewarded, but the one who hid the money was admonished and thrown out. God gives people skills and abilities and resources to be used those for God's glory. We are to use our gifts and those skills to do good and help others, instead of doing nothing.

Husband and wife each have gifts, skills, abilities and resources given by God or learned through life. We are to take responsibility for those resources, using them for God's glory. We *should* be working together as a couple to utilize our talents to meet the challenges of life, raise our children, help others, and glorify our God. Our differences as a couple provide a lot of talent that can be used to help us in life and to work together, but we must *choose* to work *together* as a team to effectively use those talents. What talents, what skills or abilities do you and your spouse have that you can use to effectively manage your responsibilities you have and the challenges you face in life?

While both spouses are to utilize their own talents, it is important to know each other's talents and abilities to better work together. Do you know your spouse's talents; their skills and abilities? If not, there are many resources to help you discover their talents. Once you know his or her talents, you can sit down together to collaborate to better use them to manage the household, raise your children, meet challenges and simply work together. Make the decision to utilize your talents, but also to know your spouse's talents to better work together.

Helpful Resources: *Fortified Marriages Resource page: www.fortifiedmarriages.com*

The *Fortified Marriages Manual and Workbook* is a great tool to help couples grow together and learn each other's talents, skills and abilities.