

if we're really saved, we're going to be ~~walking watching~~ ^{wanting} to perform those tasks. So the parable shows another thing about how Jesus left His servants, He left His servants with a very large degree of freedom. As we said, this is not a program for a real situation, I mean (9 3/4) a plan. It is a picture of what the situation is. Imagine the king of some nation going to another nation for a time, and he calls his servants to him and says here, go out ^{make money and} ~~and do what you can~~, while I'm gone. Well, that would never work, you'd find chaos if you start that. It's not a program but a picture of what the situation is and it illustrates the fact that Jesus left His servants with a large degree of freedom. We are responsible to Him directly, He did not, as the Roman Catholic Church holds, say Peter, you're the monarch, you're the head of my church, ^{and let everyone do what you say} you run the church and we will have an organization here that will accomplish my purpose in the world. There is no evidence that He ever said anything like that to Peter or any of the apostles. He called them together ~~and~~ and gave them pounds, gave them talents, and said occupy till I come. It is a situation which would be absolutely fantastic and impossible, if it were not for the fact that each one of us has access to His word to find out what He wants. And ~~if~~ ^{that} we have access by the Holy Spirit to His throne, that we are not in a situation exactly like the parables describe, we have a relation with Him now, even though He is, in a way, away from us. And we have His word to tell us what to do. But it does illustrate the fact that He left His servants, this one with ten talents, this one with five, this one with one, and they are responsible to Him for what they do with those talents, and not to anybody else. He left a tremendous amount of freedom among His people, and it is something that has been proven in the constitution of man, as man is made, that it is the system in which there is free enterprise, it is the system in which the individual is free to ~~strive~~ ^{try} to develop the talents he has ~~the~~ and to do something with what he has that produces results, and the nations that have had a system of free enterprise have gone ahead and those that have not had, have lagged behind, and it is most interesting how the theory of the Roman Catholic