

Chapel Talk, 2/13/64

W-- As we read the parable, some of us might say, Oh, that ~~man five talents~~ fortunate man has five talents. He can make ten out of five. Look ~~th~~ at poor fellow that ~~man--He has only~~ that has ~~only~~ one talent. What do you expect him to do? except to bury it in the ground? Well, ~~according to this~~ ^{in the} parable, of the pounds, every single had exactly one pound, and one wrapped it up in a napkin, others ~~tak~~ have taken it and used it. ~~AA~~ And God has given each of one of us certain talents and certain abilities each, and there is ~~en~~ no one who ~~can say to~~ ^{has been saved by} the Lord Jesus Christ, who does not have definite talents, definite opportunities, definite responsibilities before God, ^{And} In a certain sense we are precisely equal before Him, and no one ~~h~~ should become discouraged, and say, "Oh, if I had abilities that man has, why, had I the possibilities that man has, ~~I could accomplish much~~ ^{think what I could accomplish} for the Lord! but what can I do? God knows exactly what abilities we ~~have--~~ have got, and God judges accordingly. ^a And the one who seems to have ~~little~~ ability and uses it to the utmost receives far more approbations of the Lord than ~~who--who--one--who~~ the one who seems to have many kinds of abilities and talents, and who can accomplish far more, but who ~~has~~ ^{his} accomplishment is far short of his potentialities. We are in ~~once~~ sense equal in our ~~ability~~ talent and ability, and yet in another sense there is a tremendous variety, ^{inequality} ~~in equality~~ between us. We are judged according to our ~~opportunity~~ ^{opportunity} and what advantage we have taken of it, not according to the varying amount of talents that God has given us. And I think that this is a ~~god~~ good thing to contemplate on, because ~~a serious~~ ^{tremendous} damage has been done in Christian work through the superiority complex and the inferiority complex, And God does not ~~w~~ want us to have either one of them.