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## Talaton

A unit of weight measuring currency





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"The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money."





### Matthew 25:19-21 NIV

"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' <sup>21</sup> His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"





### Matthew 25:22-23 NIV

"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

23 His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"





### Matthew 25:24-25 NIV

"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."





### Matthew 25:26-28 NIV

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags."





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Sei	rvant	Entrusted Allotment	Servant's Stewardship
	#1	5 Bags of Gold	"went at once and put his money to work"
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Se	rvant	Entrusted Allotment	Servant's Stewardship	ROI	Master's Response
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	#2	2 Bags of Gold	"So also"	100%	<ol> <li>Well done, good and faithful servant</li> <li>Faithful with little, put in charge of much</li> <li>Come share in happiness</li> </ol>
	#3	1 Bag of Gold	"dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money"	0%	<ol> <li>You wicked and lazy servant</li> <li>At least deposit money in bank</li> <li>What was given is taken away</li> </ol>





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## Mission

To produce and release spiritual leaders who know and express the authentic Christ to Northwest Arkansas and the world





# Vision

To change the heart and soul of Northwest Arkansas and the world





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### Matthew 24:36-42 NIV

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."





### Matthew 25:29-30 NIV

"For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."





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### **Luke 10:2** NIV

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers (laborers) are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."



