

“Your talent is  
God’s gift to you.  
What you  
do with your  
talent is  
your gift  
to God.”

A faint, sepia-toned illustration of a person with long hair, wearing a simple tunic, is shown from the chest up. They are holding a long, unrolled scroll or book, looking down at it with a focused expression. The illustration is partially obscured by the text and the curved edge of the slide.

Associates Meeting –  
November 11, 2020  
The Parable of the Talents

## VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord,  
Today we honor our veterans,  
worthy men and women  
who gave their best  
when they were called upon  
their country.  
We pray that you will bless them,  
Lord, for their unselfish service  
to preserve our country's heritage,  
for all of us.  
Bless them abundantly  
for the sacrifices they made  
for their many contributions  
to America's victories.  
We respect them, we thank them,  
we honor them,  
we are proud of them,  
and we pray that you will  
watch over these special people  
and bless them with  
peace and happiness.  
Amen



### **Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30**

<sup>14</sup> It is like a man about to go abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them.

<sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one, each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out on his journey.

<sup>16</sup> The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more.

<sup>17</sup> The man who had received two made two more in the same way.

<sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> Now a long time afterwards, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them.

<sup>20</sup> The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

<sup>21</sup> His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have shown you are trustworthy in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

<sup>22</sup> Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made."

<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have shown you are trustworthy in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

<sup>24</sup> Last came forward the man who had the single talent. "Sir," said he, "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you had not sown and gathering where you had not scattered;

<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back."

<sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered?"

<sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have got my money back with interest.

<sup>28</sup> So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the ten talents.

<sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but anyone who has not, will be deprived even of what he has.

<sup>30</sup> As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Charism

...is a spark





## Reflection:

As associates our gift given to us is our Charism...our spark.

So what will we do with it....

Which servant do you feel you are?  
Do you ever feel as though you are like the servant that received just the one talent.

Are you wasting an opportunity?

What opportunity do you have that you could take right now?

We need to make the absolute best of our time here. It's easy to sit and wait with what we have.

The work that we do is not for us.

It's for others.



The River by Garth Brooks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAgUQ7IMKOs>

Announcements by Christine

Christmas Gift assignments for the Sisters

To make you smile

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s\\_hlvRNgGOQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_hlvRNgGOQ)

