

# Sermon NOTES



## Joy in a Job Well Done

- 1) According to Scientific American: “What does science say? Is innate talent a myth? This question is the focus of the new book *Peak: Secrets from the New Science of Expertise* by Florida State University psychologist Anders Ericsson and science writer Robert Pool. Ericsson and Pool argue that, with the exception of height and body size, the idea that we are limited by genetic factors—innate talent—is a pernicious myth.”
- 2) “The belief that one’s abilities are limited by one’s genetically prescribed characteristics...manifests itself in all sorts of ‘I can’t’ or ‘I’m not’ statements,” Ericsson and Pool write. The key to extraordinary performance, they argue, is “thousands and thousands of hours of hard, focused work.”
- 3) Matthew 25:14–30 (NASB 2020) <sup>14</sup> “For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The one who had received the five talents immediately went and did business with them and earned five more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way the one who had received the two talents earned two more. <sup>18</sup> But he who received the one talent went away and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup> “Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup> “Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have earned two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup> “Now the one who had received the one talent also came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed. <sup>25</sup> And I was afraid, so I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you still have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You worthless, lazy slave! Did you know that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have put my money in the bank,

- and on my arrival, I would have received my money back with interest. <sup>28</sup> Therefore: take the talent away from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' <sup>29</sup> "For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 4) There are two outcomes from this parable.
    - a) One is entering into the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Master.
    - b) The other is \_\_\_\_\_ from the Master.
  - 5) Each is given responsibility according to their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 6) God is the one who gives the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 7) Exodus 4:10–11 (NASB 2020) <sup>10</sup> Then Moses said to the Lord, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." <sup>11</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Who has made the human mouth? Or who makes anyone unable to speak or deaf, or able to see or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"
  - 8) The ability is determined by what the person is \_\_\_\_\_ to and what the person has \_\_\_\_\_ with his given ability.
  - 9) It's what you \_\_\_\_\_ with what you \_\_\_\_\_ that matters.
  - 10) It is not what others think you are nor what you think you are but what God \_\_\_\_\_ you are.
  - 11) The world's \_\_\_\_\_ won't fly before the Lord.
  - 12) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are in opposition to each other.
  - 13) Every time you set out for joy, you go to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 14) God doesn't excuse fear when it \_\_\_\_\_ faith.
  - 15) The rewards came from \_\_\_\_\_ in improving what has been given.
  - 16) \_\_\_\_\_ from everyone you can.
    - a) Proverbs 18:15 (NASB 2020) <sup>15</sup> The mind of the discerning acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
    - b) Proverbs 12:15 (NASB 2020) <sup>15</sup> The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a person who listens to advice is wise.
  - 17) Exercise your \_\_\_\_\_.
    - a) Romans 12:2 (NASB 2020) <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
    - b) Proverbs 27:17 (NASB 2020) <sup>17</sup> As iron sharpens iron, So one person sharpens another.
  - 18) The way the world is thinking at the moment will \_\_\_\_\_ be the same as it thinks two years from now.
  - 19) Develop and \_\_\_\_\_ your body.
    - a) 1 Corinthians 9:24–27 (NASB 2020) <sup>24</sup> Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. So they do it to obtain a perishable wreath, but we an imper-

ishable. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I run in such a way as not to run aimlessly; I box in such a way, as to avoid hitting air; <sup>27</sup> but I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

20) Fan the flame of your \_\_\_\_\_ gift.

a) 2 Timothy 1:6 (NASB 2020) <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

21) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit.

a) Galatians 5:16 (NASB 2020) <sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

22) 1 Corinthians 3:15 (NASB 2020) <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet only so as through fire.

23), 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the \_\_\_\_\_ of your master.'



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