

## Visions and Revelations Message 12: “The Apostle Peter (3)”

This message reminded us of the parable Jesus told his disciples of the servants with the talents. In this parable, a master gave his servants different amounts of talents, which we believe represent gifts from the Holy Spirit. The servant who used his five talents to acquire five more talents was praised by the master, and the servant who used his two talents to acquire two more talents was equally praised. However, the servant who was given one talent and decided to bury it instead of investing it was condemned greatly by the master. We believe this parable has an important application for each of us in the church. All of us have our own unique gifts from the Holy Spirit, given to us according to our skills and abilities. Some of us are good at preaching gospel. Others of us are good at giving messages. Some are good at leading Bible studies. Others are good at cooking food for Sunday church lunches. And some of us are good at all of these things. Whatever our gifts are, we all need to be using them for the purpose of building up the church. As Titus said, “Christ only care for the church”, so we need to care for the church as well. We can not be like the servant with the one talent, who hid what he was given. We may think that what we have is not enough to serve the church, but this is never the case. The parable of the talents tells us that as long as we invest what we do have into the church, God will view us as good and faithful servants. That is why the master gave equal praise to the servant who invested five talents and the servant who invested two talents. Brothers and sisters, let us pray that we can be ones who are productive in God’s eyes! May we show as much care to the church as Christ does, and be good and faithful servants who build up the church throughout our entire lives!