

Opportunity, Fidelity, and Reward

Text (The parable of the Talent) (Matt 25:14-30)

Introduction - (1) The significance of the parable. (2) the story in brief.

I ~~Want one he gave five~~ Let us notice first that the ~~is~~ is a clear and sober denial of the equality of human endowment. (Want one he gave five talents, etc another two, to another one; etc each according to his several abilities.) The findings of the I. Q. tests are not new. They were stated long ago in this story. As ~~soon~~ as we reach maturity we come to realize ~~it~~ that certain gifts are ours within measure and that certain others have been denied us.

(a) Elaborate on the phrase equality of all men (all men are created equal.)

(b) Life is a landscaping job. We are handed a site, large or small, rugged or flat, picturesque or commonplace, whose general outlines and contours are largely