

USE IT OR LOSE

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Parable of the Talents

Matt. 25:14-30

Luke 19: 11-27

LYRICS

VERSE ONE – NARRATOR (BOSS INSERTS OPTIONAL)

The boss called up the crew said, *"I'll be gone a month or two
and I am trusting you to care for all I own.
Your load will be just the right size for you, trust me to know what is wise
for you.*

Use it for good. Think of it as a loan."

He knew the first could handle it without a bit of scandal.

It was quite a load the first one was assigned.

The second she got somewhat less - *"Let's see if she will do her best."*

The last cat got one - her first job, bear in mind.

CHORUS – STUDENT ENSEMBLE

Use it or lose it.

That's how the story goes.

Use it or lose it.

Are you breathin'? Then you're chosen.

Cause a talent or two's been given to you,

It's not what you got, it's just what you do.

A little? A lot? Who cares, Get a clue:

They used it and that's how it grew!

Use it or lose it.

VERSE TWO – NARRATOR #2

No sooner was the boss away the first one said, "Let's seize the day!"

Went straight to work and doubled what she had.

The second went out and did just the same, but now I must tell you the third
was lame.

She sat on his gift - it really was rather sad.

The Boss returned to check accounts,

the first two showed him large amounts they earned for her/him by using what s/he gave. The third said, "I haven't got round to it, I wasn't sure so I gamed a bit. I'll grab it now, it's with all the stuff I save."

CHORUS – STUDENT ENSEMBLE

VERSE 3 – BOSS

All good gifts come from on high and
when they're used they multiply,
helping all the children I adore.
These two workers made me glad,
did all they could with what they had.
They've done well with a bit....so now I'll give them more!

CHORUS to "...Who cares? Get a clue."

TAG

Figure it out,
Cut out the pouting and
doubting and don't make me shout!
Use is or lose it.

REFLECTIONS

- Read Matt. 25:14-30 or Luke 19: 11-27
- Do you believe that God has given everyone "talents?"
- Name some special "talents" you believe God has given you. (being a good listener, hard worker, generous, creative, organized, funny, or good in music or sports, etc.)

- When the Master “entrusted” each one with talents, it’s sort of like the way a Babysitter is “entrusted” with the children they are watching. What do Parents expect of the Sitter? Describe a scene that would get the Sitter fired. Now describe a scene that would please the Parents.
- How do you think the Master feels when He sees us using our talents for good?
- How do you think the Master feels if we have been given a talent we use to draw attention to ourselves.
- If we serve other people with our talents, how can that draw attention to God’s goodness?
- What are some ways you can use your specific talents to help someone else?

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