

the earth. He represents that class, who, because they have not the great tasks to perform, refuse to do the little ones. He would not invest his Lord's money himself and he would not allow others to trade with it for the Master. The Master here represents the Christ, who is now in the far country, the servants representing the believers on Him, of all grades of ability, while the goods or "talents" illustrate everything in our national, spiritual and providential conditions which the ascended Christ has given us for service and usefulness. The Lord has put us each in the very best position to accomplish our work for Him. The talents may consist in natural or acquired ability, social influence, financial resources or position in this world, which is ours in connection with life. The Lord has given us these that we may invest them for Him during his absence. The Christian who is thus using his talents for Christ is in the highest form of Christian service, and is ready and watchful, and, when the Lord returns, will be rewarded accordingly. "In like manner, be ye also ready."