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 delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave   
 k Rom, 6.   
 1 Cor. 7, five talents, to another two, and to another one; \* to every   
 11,30. Eph. according to his several ability; and straightway   
 ivi. 16Then he that had received the five   
 took his journey. traded with the same, and made them   
 17 And likewise he that had received   
 other five talents.   
 two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received   
   
 one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s   
 money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants   
 cometh, and reckoneth with them. % And so he that had   
 received five talents came and brought other five talents,   
 saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: be-   
 hold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 2! His   
 lord said unto him; Well done, thou good and faithful   
 lehniyg. servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, 'I will   
 mimi make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into ™ the   
 joy of thy lord. 2% He also that had received two talents   
 came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents :   
 behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.   
 %8 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful   
 servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will   
   
   
   
   
 thinking his hard. The parable is —the jadgment of the millennial advent.   
 concerned with Christians (his own ser- This to the servants Christ (Ais ser-   
 vants), and not the at large. vants, ver. 14), is final   
 ‘We must remember the relation of master but not that of the of the world. We   
 and slave, in order to his de- may observe that this account differs   
 livering them his property, and punish- from the coming of the bridegroom, inas-   
 ing them for not fructifying it. much as this is concerned with   
 18.) In Luke each receives the same, a course of action past—that with a pre-   
 the profit made by each is different see sent state of preparation. This holds,   
 notes there. Here, in fact, did each the individoal application, the account   
 receive the for they received after the resurrection that, the utmost   
 ing to their ability—their character ‘and not in direct sense the parable   
 powers. There is no Pelagianism in this, even 90 of being ready for sum-   
 for each man’s powers are themselves the mons at death. 20] The faithful ser-   
 gift of God. 16—18.] The increase vant does not take ane praise to himeelf   
 gained by each of the faithful —thou deliveredst unto me is his confes-   
 was the full of their talents sion —and beside them the enabling cause   
 each will required as much as has been of his gain ;—‘ without can do no-   
 given. The third servant here is not to thing,’ John xv.5. This is plainer Luke   
 be confounded with the wicked servant (xix. 16), “Thy pound hath gained ten   
 in ch. xxiv. This one is not actively See 1 Cor. xv. 10:—and on'the   
 an ill-doer, a hider of the money en- joy and alacrity these faithful   
 trasted to who brings no profit: in the day of reckoning, 1 Thess. ii.   
 see on ver. 19—23. After a long 2 Cor. i.14: Phil. 1. 21.) See the   
 time] Here again, as well in the delay corresponding sentence Luke xix. and   
 of ver. 6 ch. xxiv. 48, have an in- note. The joy here is s feast, some-   
 timation that the interval would be so times interpreted, that joy spoken of   
 short one. This ing is not, Heb. xii. 2, Isa. 11—that joy of the   
 speaking, the last but still the Lord arising from the completion of His   
 same as that in the JSormer parable; the work and labour of love, which the first   
 beginning of at the house of God Sabbatical reat the Creator was typical—