



Command 13

Part 1A

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Grow



It is a Command To Grow

The **Parable** of the Talents

Parable- a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.

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Grow- To develop, increase, use, or mature.

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- God knows what we are capable of, his expectation of growth is attainable and he equips us to meet those expectations.
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- 100% investment will yield 100% return!
 - If you don't use it, you lose it– If we hide what we are entrusted with, it will get taken away.

B. We will have to give an account for what we have been given

- God gives **EVERONE** something
 - Even if we are not given as much, or what we are given is different than those around us, we are all given something.
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Invest– To devote (one's time, effort, or energy) to a particular undertaking with the expectation of a worthwhile result. To use to better something else.

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2. How are using what God has given to you?

C. Growth is a command

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