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Talents, Risk Taking, and Change

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*“For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich...”
(Matthew 25:29a)*

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There are talents and then there are talents.
Talents can be coins–talents can be a gift, genius or knack.
What then is the message in the Parable of the Talents?
For me a talent is a gift of grace freely given to God’s children.

Freely given:

- 10 talents,
- 5 talents,
- 1 talent.

No one is forgotten. All are gifted.

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Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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As in the parable, some risk the talents God grants.

Some bury their talent.

What does the world miss, if that one talent is a genius idea?

What if the genius idea could cure Ebola, cancer, heart failure?

“For to everyone who has, more will be given... (Matthew 25:29a)

Use It Or lose It.

Wear Out, Don't Rust Out.

Try Something New.

Don't Play It Safe.

Get Out Of Your Comfort Zones.

Live Life To Its Fullness.

Sail The Uncharted Seas.

Risk. Take the Challenge.

Are these just bumper sticker slogans? Perhaps—but just maybe, they could be the Holy Spirit urging all to use the talents you have received to honor God and your neighbor.

“...but the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.” (Matthew 25:29a)

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What hinders us from using our talents?
2. Why is discernment a necessary element when taking a risk?
3. How fair or unfair was the rich man in the parable to give the coin to the one with the most talents?
4. What is your comfort zone?
5. How do you break out of a comfort zone to risk and to take a challenge?
6. Make a list of your gifts, talents, genius?
7. Which talent are you afraid to use and why?

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