

Luke 9. Chap. 12-13- A certain number
 merchants are prone to immerse themselves
 in Prospects of earthly grandeur, and to
 look for Happiness from earthly Enjoy-
 ments while they neglect of most
 important ends and Purposes of life.
 The Jews were expecting their Messiah
 to erect a temporal Kingdom among
 them, and to exalt their nation above
 the nations of the Earth. This Idea
 occupied their Thoughts, and carried
 them - and into all their public & private
 Affairs - The Disciples of our S. were also
 led away by this fond Conceit. They
 had embraced the common prevailing
 notion of his Kingdom, and could
 not even be convinced of their Error
 by our S. himself till after his
 Death & Resurrection, this he looks upon
 as a means to correct their carnal prejudices

and told us repeatedly of his Kingdom was
not of this ~~world~~. All our minds fast ascent up
to Jerusalem previous to his death this
Expectation prevailed amongst all ranks
and orders of men. Our S^t. spoke this
Parable out of us. our heart is taken to
conceive them that they were mistaken
as regards to his Kingdom. because
says St. Luke they thought of Kingdom
of G^d. w^h. immediately appear. ~~in order~~
A certain nobleman went into a far
Country & A hundred is of Person here
entrusted by of noble men. He hath
entrusted to every man some
Talent w^h. as to be improved for him.
and for w^h. he will come and reckon
w^h. him. These Parables are so clear if we
need visit on them only in a way of
Application. I. Was I given in some
Talent to improve for him

2. what Improvement have we made
his Parables -
3. what excuse have we for neglecting to
improve w^h.
1. in that Recompense have we received to
expect - I. are we ready enough to be
our high value when what we possess.
when we think it will reflect honor upon
ourselves. but we are apt to think lightly
of it, when we are reminded of the Respon-
sibility connected w^h. it. Few men indeed
in the C^t. comparatively, have great
Talents or extensive Influence - but every
Person has at least a Person committed
to him. has some Talent bestowed
upon him of greater or less importance
Have we not in of Christ have been
entrusted w^h. treasure, and raised by this
Gift above the World Creation. This
Treasure is capable of great Improvement.

have we not also enjoyed many labours
and ordinances in w^{ch}. G^d. hath favoured
his people - There might have been turned
to good account for our ever improvement
and if glory & God - Have we not also
had access to G^d's holy Scriptures, in which
the whole revealed will of our maker
is contained - From there we might
have learned all G^d's mysteries & God's love
we sh^d. therefore have studied G^d's will humbly
and diligently - Have we not experienced many
convictions of conscience, and precious showers
of G^d's Spirit upon our minds? There are countless
other blessings, and may be made subservient
to our eternal welfare. Have we not received
many calls and warnings from G^d. in his
Providence. There at duty attended to might
have been instrumental of much good to
our souls - All these things are mercies
of G^d. we must hereafter give an

Account - 2^d by what Improvement have
we made of Divine Favours. The Dispensation
given to all is occupy till I come - and all
these things are given to us to be improved
for God. The manifestation of the Spirit is
given to every man says St. Paul to
profit withall in whatever way of
the work of God works upon mens minds what
ever gifts he bestows upon us it is in order
to their Profit & edification. I would ask then
what use have we made of Power committed
to us. have we employed our Reason in the
search of Divine Truth? have we spent our
Sabbaths in meditation and Prayer? have
we profited by of Divine ordinances as we
might have done? have we taken of
Scriptures as a Guide to our feet and
Lamp to our Path - Have we obeyed
of Duties of Conscience, and of motions
of Gods Spirit?

have we laid to heart of various dispensations
of Providence. If we discerned in our own
concerns, and in of God around us? have we not
shout labored to improve our time, our money
our influence for him who hath entrusted
us to our care? have we labored earnestly
to fulfil of A. Injunction? As every
man hath received the gift, even
be ministers of some one to another, as
good Stewards of of manifold grace
of God.

3. Let us examine what excuse have we
for neglecting to improve our Talents
We Steward servants cast the blame
upon his Lord, said if he was an hard
master reaping where he had not
sown, and gathering where he had
not sown, and therefore he had
his Lord's money, he made no
use of his Talents.

but what was of consequence, hope of
unprofitable servant, and find him
which applies to us in this same office
to all Steward servants, and all will
receive of same reward for their Lord when
he comes. There are not wanting among
ourselves those who cast blame upon God
and are ready to say of of. requiring more
than they are able to perform - But is it
not can this be affirmed of any Steward
of truth? Do not of divine promises
extend to all our wants? may not every
one adopt of words of of A. Paul
where he says I can do all things through
Christ strengthening me - Even if the Afflictions
were true of us? not justifying our Infirmi-
ties. The more austere our? secret of
more we should fear to offend him -
we should endeavor at least to approve our
selves unto him as well as we could
If we could not do all of he requires

It is no reason if we sh^d. do nothing -
if we could not improve the money
entrusted to us by trading we sh^d. put
it into the bank - our excuses for our
neglect will only turn to our own
confusion - God will justify his agents
as at last out of their own mouths
will I judge thee, these wicked servants
~~what~~ we may inquire in of h^{is} place
what recompence we may reasonably
expect - we positively affirmed in of our
Records of G^d. will reward every
man according to his works, of
what rank he may be in society
whether learned or ignorant - all
must give up their Accounts to him
are we ready then to give up our
Accounts to him? Can we say to
thy Lord both gained ten silver
pounds - can we say even when

found ground if it hath gained two
pounds for us if we have of testimony of
our conscience respecting this - if we
know and feel if we have improved
our talents - whatever they were intrusted
to us - we shall gladly take of good &
faithful servants as under the power
to the f^o now say I have gained, but
thy Lord hath gained - they knew
and acknowledged if they had nothing
of their own to trade wth if their L^d
had intrusted them wth his money
we shall then admit of language of
the great A^l. of of Gentiles - Boy of Grace
of G^d. I am what I am, and his Grace
wth was bestowed upon me was not
in vain, but I laboured more
abundantly than they all yet not
I, but the Grace of G^d. of him

with me. David King of Israel proposed
the same sentiments as St Paul
when he offered up his grateful acknowledgments
to God for the gifts which the
Gentiles offered willingly, hundreds of
thousands of Jews - but who am
I and what is my people if we are
able to offer so willingly after this
sort, for all things come of thee and
of thine our have we given thee -
now will our God be truly moved to
reward our faithful services and
prayers: he will recompense every
man according to his labor and
success - Every man shall receive
his own reward according to his
own labor. says of Ap. and every
one he will give what abundantly

exceeds of value of his services -
to some we are told of £. gave the
government of two, three or 10. times
that is mentioned merely to show how
abundantly God will reward all
that are faithful in the use of the
 talents he hath bestowed when their
but alas are there not many who have
hid their money in a napkin?
what recompense then must such
stupid servants receive? He will
shortly deprive them of all means of
growth they now possess, and make
of monuments of his everlasting
displeasure - now will this be of benefit
only of those who dissipate their
money, who live prodigal lives

Not of all ~~stochastic~~ ^{unprofitable} ~~services~~
Let not any thing ~~hope~~ ^{hope} to be approved
of God at the great Day of Judgment.
While he continues idle in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~business~~
of Religion, in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~care~~ ^{care} of his Soul.
Let none be satisfied with a mere
negative Silence, with doing what
is commonly said no Harm —
Let our Endeavors in our Master's
Service be unreweaved. Let us duly
think of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~days~~ ^{days} of old York to of
Recompence of Reward, and let
us stand ready to give up our
accounts to God. So shall we
have confidence before him and
not be ashamed at his
coming