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# The Parable of the Talents

by BILL MARKHAM

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The parable of the talents, found in Matthew 25, provides an essential lesson on how we should utilize our

time, talents, and treasure. We are called to steward these gifts wisely, understanding that they have been given to us by God for a specific purpose. This parable teaches us that everything we have belongs to God and that we are accountable for how we use our resources. Time presents us with daily opportunities, our talents reflect our unique gifts and abilities, and treasure denotes our available resources.

Reflecting on the meaning of the parable, we are reminded of God's desire for us to invest in people. The ultimate goal is for people to come to know Him, and we are called to be part of that mission. Our efforts should yield a "return on investment" by helping others know Him better. We don't "give" to the kingdom of God (He already has everything), but we "invest" in it.

Investing in people means taking an interest in their lives and sharing the love of God with them. It means using our talents to serve others and to build up the body of Christ. It means being generous with our treasure, using it to support the work of the church and to help those in need.

The parable of the talents challenges us to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. It calls us to use our time, talents, and treasure in a way that honours God and serves His purposes. May we be faithful servants who invest wisely in people and use our gifts to advance His kingdom.

# How to Fight Viruses

*Strengthen your microbiome*



**D**id you know that good gut health is essential for a strong immune system—and that to fight viruses, you need a strong microbiome? But what exactly is a microbiome?

Gastroenterologist Dr. Robynne Chutkan, author of *The Anti-Viral Gut: Tackling Pathogens from the Inside Out*, explains: "The gut microbiome refers to the trillions of organisms that live in and on our bodies, mostly in our GI tract. So, we're talking about bacteria, fungal organisms, parasites, viruses, and one-cell organisms called protozoa."

But what she first wants people to understand is that a large percentage of our immune system is located in the gut. "Trillions of microbes are there too," she says. "Think of the microbes as air traffic control for the immune cells. They are literally telling them what to do." She adds, "If you don't have as many of these good bacteria as you should, that signaling is not going to work."

So, how do we nourish our microbiome to combat viruses?

"You do need to eat lots of high-fiber foods," she says. "Bacteria take the fiber from plant foods, they metabolize it and ferment it, and create something called short-chain fatty acids. And these short-chain fatty acids are really important, not just for the health of the gut lining ... but also for modulating the immune system, for making sure when you're exposed to a pathogen, that your immune system mounts just the right response."

To discover additional steps toward battling viruses and more, read Dr. Chutkan's in-depth book and visit her website at [RobynneChutkan.com](http://RobynneChutkan.com) for free resources!

*Please consult your physician before making any changes to your diet, medication, or supplements.*





# A Mother's Love

*by* Andrew Burditt  
PRESIDENT, THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING ASSOCIATES

**I am extremely fortunate to have grown up in an environment where I was surrounded by wonderful Christian examples and mentors, but nowhere was that more evident than at home. I was raised by two people who shared a strong faith and love for God, resulting in a supportive and loving Christian home.**

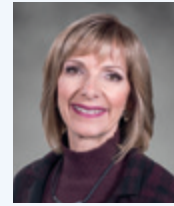
My father was very well known within our denomination, spending much of his career serving and teaching others through music; later he worked in international development. However, there was never any mistake as to who was in charge at home!

My mother had a career as a very successful nurse. She spent a great deal of her time working in the operating room and later rose through the ranks to various positions of leadership. She handled that responsibility well, but her focus was always simple—to care for others.

# A Road Map for Faithfulness

by LORIE HARTSHORN

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We've all been on a trip and needed a road map in order to find our way. Today we use GPS systems to guide us so we can

arrive safely at our destination. God has given us a road map to help us navigate through life, where we can become easily distracted and taken off course. The words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth were a road map for Christians to follow while they waited for Jesus to return. He said, **"Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love"** (1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NLT). We can also take these words to heart today and use them as a road map to help us as we await Jesus' return. Here's how:

**Be on guard.** This is a word of warning for us to be alert when spiritual enemies try to slip in and threaten or destroy us.

**Stand firm in the faith.** Keep believing in the Gospel. The Gospel that brought you salvation is the same Gospel that helps you live in power and freedom.

**Be courageous.** We need courage to live a life that honours God and to share the Gospel with others.

**Be strong.** The source of our strength is found in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**And do everything with love.** It always comes down to love. If we follow this road map, we will remain faithful to follow Jesus until His return.

She is quiet, soft-spoken, quite stoic at times, and to many, often seems to stay in the background. But the older I get, the more I realize what an influence she has had on me, my siblings, and now her 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

When my father passed away suddenly in 2018 at the age of 69, my mother never faltered. The loss of her husband of almost 50 years was devastating, but she continued to be that stable presence of love in our lives, becoming an even stronger pillar of strength for our extended family.

She did this because she loves us, but that love for her family is rooted in her faith and her love for God. Without those lessons she taught us about family, integrity, and responsibility, I don't know where we'd be.

My mother is the perfect example of 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, which says, **Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres (NIV).**

As God created all things, He also created and ordained the family, and in so many cases a mother is its centre and heartbeat. Mothers care for their families with love and dignity, have the respect of others, and carry an incredible amount of responsibility.

They love us unconditionally, provide us with guidance, and are a blessing to all they interact with.

As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, remember to thank God for your own mother, for your grandmothers, your aunts, and for all those women who were a godly influence in your life, helping to shape who you have become.

*"Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children."*

~ Billy Graham

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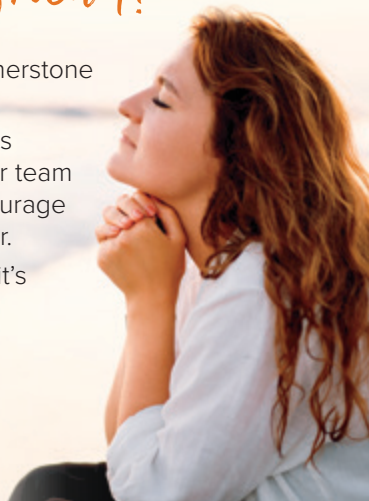
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When Nate was thrown from his truck in a horrific accident, his parents and church prayed for healing. Watch the miracle that followed.



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## LOVED WITHOUT PERFORMING

Schwartz was content in life. Then, he was hit by a car and needed crutches. Learn what happens when God becomes our everything.



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Jessica's low self-worth led to a destructive lifestyle until she encountered the Lord. See her transformation!

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# How to Pray for Revival



*Will You not revive us again, that  
Your people may rejoice in You?*

—PSALM 85:6

by GORDON ROBERTSON  
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**W**ith Pentecost just around the corner, plus the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Asbury University spreading to other places, this is a great time to pray for revival!

I've seen incredible revivals in India, the Philippines, and Indonesia, and I've seen revival here in America in the 1970s—so to see it again in our own country is really thrilling.

And while it's great to go someplace and gather with others to experience a spiritual banquet, you do not need to travel to feast on His presence. Jesus promises in Revelation 3:20, *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."* You can always have your own Communion—that supper with the Lord—by inviting Him in right where you are.

Yet Psalm 66:18 warns, *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.* Don't excuse sin in your life; get rid of it. It was inspiring to see students at Asbury come to the altar, confess their sins, and pray for cleansing. That's a prayer God

will answer. And He will come and manifest His presence for you.

Jesus tells His followers in Mark 1:15, *"Repent, and believe."* To repent means to change your thinking. Repentance happens when you turn from the things that you used to think and do in order to serve the living God.

The Apostle John assures us, *"Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him"* (1 John 3:21-22).

And Jesus gives us this wonderful promise in Matthew 5:6, *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."* If you hunger and thirst for God, He will come to you, for His very name is Immanuel—"God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

So together, let's pray for revival in our hearts and in every school and church. And may it continue unbroken until Christ returns! God bless you.

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