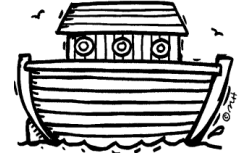


The Talents of the Story of the Three Workers



There once was a man, a real big boss
He knew about money and profit and loss

He said to his workers, I'm going away
and before I leave you here's some pay

I'm setting you a challenge I'm setting you a task
I don't think it's too much to ask

**So, use what you're given, use what you can
You can make a difference, it's part of the plan.**

The first worker looked at the gift in his hand
five bags of gold, well isn't that grand

I'll get to work and I'm pretty sure
I can use what I have, to make some more.

**You've gotta use what you're given, use what you can
to try and make a difference, it's part of the plan.**

The second worker looked at the gift he had
Two bags of gold, well that's not bad

If I try really hard then I'm sure I'll learn
how to make a profit with what I earn

**You've gotta use what you're given, use what you can
to try and make a difference, it's part of the plan.**

The third worker looked at what he'd got
One bag of gold, that's not a lot!

I'd better not lose it; I'll hide it away
In a hole underground and there it can stay

**You've gotta hide what you're given, hide what you can
it won't make a difference, but hey it's a plan.**

Sometime later the boss returned
'Right you lot, let's see what you've earned.'

I'm just so excited to see what you've done
With the gifts that I gave you, so up you come!'

**You've gotta use what you're given, use what you can
to try and make a difference, it's part of the plan.**

The first worker said 'I went to the trouble
of taking what you gave me and making it double.

I started off with five bags here's five more
and that's ten bags, I'm pretty sure.'

**You've gotta use what you're given, use what you can
to try and make a difference, it's part of the plan.**

The second worker said, 'I used what you gave
To earn some more and here's what I made

You gave me two bags, here's two more
And if I've got the maths right, that makes four!'

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to try and make a difference, it's part of the plan.**

Great said the boss, you've both done well
I'm very pleased as you can tell

You both did just as I required
and I'm pleased to tell you that you're hired!

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to try and make a difference, it's part of the plan.**

Hey, said the third guy, how about me,
I think you're going to be pretty pleased

Here's your money safe and sound
I've kept it hidden underground

'You what!' Yelled the boss, 'I told you to use it'
'Well yes' said the man, 'but I didn't want to lose it.'

'Good grief' said the Boss, 'this takes the biscuit'
'Ok' said the man 'I just didn't want to risk it'

**You've gotta use what you're given, use what you can
to try and make a difference, it's part of the plan.**

'I'm sorry' said the Boss, 'this is hard for me to say
But there really is no other way.'

The third man said, 'does that mean I'm hired'
'Um, no' said the boss and pointed 'you're fired'

**You've gotta use what you're given, use what you can
to try and make a difference, it's part of the plan.**

So, what does it mean, this story today?
We're all given talents, in our own way

So go on and use them, don't hide them away
They could make a difference to somebody's day

**We've gotta use what we're given, use what we can
to try and make a difference, that's part of the plan.**

**And if you use what you're given, use what you can
you will make a difference 'cos you're part of God's plan**