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Who God is, kingdom likeness

A whole process

In every age, the ordinary everyday



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Path, eaten by birds

Rocky, shallow soil

Thorns, choked

Good soil, fruitful

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14“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his

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money to work and gained five bags more. 17So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

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20The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ 21“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s

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happiness!’ 22“‘The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ 23“‘His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s

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happiness!’ 24“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

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26“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28“Take the bag of gold from him and give



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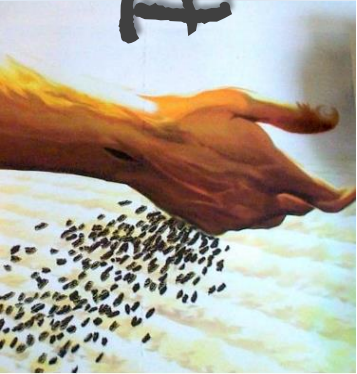
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it to the one who has ten bags. 29For those who have will be given more, and they will have an abundance. As for those who do not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.

17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.



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Alertness, Attentiveness, Availability, Boldness, Cautiousness, Compassion, Contentment, Creativity, Decisiveness, Deference, Dependability, Determination, Diligence, Discernment, Discretion, Endurance, Enthusiasm, Faith, Flexibility, Forgiveness, Generosity, Gentleness, Gratefulness, Hospitality, Humility, Initiative, Integrity, Joyfulness, Justice, Love, Loyalty, Meekness, Obedience, Orderliness, Patience, Persuasiveness, Punctuality, Resourcefulness, Responsibility, Reverence, Security, Self-control, Sensitivity, Sincerity, Thoroughness, Thriftiness, Tolerance, Truthfulness, Virtue, Wisdom



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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

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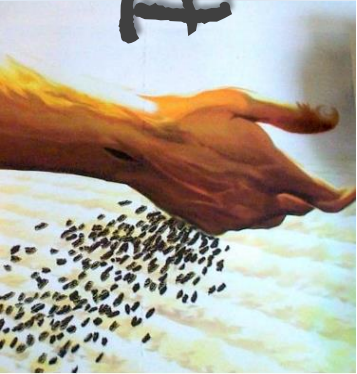
The screenshot shows the homepage of St Barnabas North London. At the top, the logo features a blue circle with a white cross and a blue arrow, followed by the text "St Barnabas" and the tagline "transforming lives • changing the world". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: Home, What's on, Get involved, Community, Our Network, Download, About, and Contact. A blue dropdown menu is open under "Get involved", listing: MEMBERSHIP, PLACES TO SERVE, MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES, PRAYER, GIVING, and FIN. To the right of this menu is another blue vertical list of links: ADMIN SUPPORT, THE BESOM IN BARNET, BUILDING MAINTENANCE, NEIGHBOURHOOD, HOSPITALITY TEAM, WORLD MISSION SUPPORT, PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM, TECHNICAL TEAM, WORSHIP TEAM, YOUTH TEAM, and HEALING ON THE STREETS. The main content area has a dark blue background with the text "WELCOME TO ST BARNABAS NORTH LONDON" in white and blue. Below this, a paragraph reads: "Hi. Are you new to the church or the area? If so, you are very welcome! Please do check out our Visitor Information page to get all the information about what goes on at our church." At the bottom of this section are two buttons: "VISITOR INFORMATION" and "ABOUT US", followed by a downward arrow icon and the text "Scroll down to learn more". The background image of the website shows a church interior with people and a shower of colorful confetti.

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When we use whatever talents we've been given to the best of our ability for God's glory, **we are on an equal playing field** with other faithful, trustworthy servants of God



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He that is good for making
excuses is seldom good for
anything else!

-Benjamin Franklin

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1. Paralysed by Fear
2. False Understanding
3. Lazy

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Lord, be the ruler of my heart and thoughts, be the king of my home and relationships and be the master of my work and service. Help me to make good use of the gifts, talents, time and resources you give me for your glory and your kingdom.