

Do Something!

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

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“To “cast [one’s] bread upon the waters” is to engage in international trade, sending one’s grain or other produce out to sea and then waiting for the ships to return with fine goods from foreign lands. To “find it after many days,” therefore, is to receive the reward that eventually comes after taking the risk of a wise investment. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.”

- Philip Ryken

“Ships on commercial voyages might be long delayed before any profit resulted. Yet one’s goods had to be committed to them. Solomon’s fleet which brought back “gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks” (1 Kings 10:22) sailed once in three years.”

- Michael Eaton

*You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.
(Mt.25:21, 23).*

So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ' (Mt.25:28-30).

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As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things. (v.5, NIV and ESV footnote)

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in
due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
(Galatians 6:9)*