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## Msg #1310 Stewardship of Every Breath

### What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Dear Friends and Editors, Please read then freely print this weeks Penny Pulpit Column in your papers, bulletins, emails, blogs and twitters . Thank you for this consideration. Pastor Ed Rice, Good Samaritan Baptist Church, Dresden NY 14441 These Baptist Penny Pulpits are an asset to many. Please add someone using the FORWARD below. Msg #1310 Stewardship of Every Breath What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice Three principled lessons from Jesus' stewardship parables are that servants have resources and responsibilities, that there is a day of reckoning coming and that no man knows the day nor hour of that day. His parable recorded in Matthew 25 is of keen interest for two reasons. It is emphasized that different servants are assigned different amount of resources. To one of "his own servants" he gives five talents, to another two and to another one. It indicates that the talents are given according to every mans "several ability." As a lad I was taught in my Regular Baptist Church that this parable was about me using my trumpet playing 'talent' for the Lord. Use it or loose it, being emphasized as its theme. When I read the parable on my own I was absolutely appalled to find that the servant that did not use his talent for the Lord was cast into outer darkness where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth! Wow! My Sunday School teachers were teaching me that if I didn't play my trumpet in our worship service, "there would be hell to pay!" This is obviously NOT what Jesus was teaching in this parable. The "hell to pay" teaching of Jesus must here coincide with his gospel message that "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Rom10:13) Ergo the single talent given to this unprofitable servant can be nothing more than the breath of life and the light of Christ which "lighteth every man that cometh into the world." (John1:9) "For God trieth the hearts and reins of every man." (Psalm7:9, Jer11:20, 17:10) and he that believeth on Christ is not condemned but he that believeth not is condemned already. (John3:18) Got breath? You better use it for your Lord. An Essay for week #10 Sun, Mar 10, 13 Published at [www.GSBaptistChurch.com/ppulpit](http://www.GSBaptistChurch.com/ppulpit) In paperback at <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/GSBaptistChurch> In free ebook at [www.GSBaptistChurch.com/ebooks](http://www.GSBaptistChurch.com/ebooks)

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