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His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter into the joy of thy lord. Matthew 25:23

## Cultivating Young Leaders Through The Discipline Of Music Training

### Did I Do Well?

At the beginning of the year, each Jubilee Ringer was given two songs to learn and memorize. Their success would be determined by how well they occupied their time to achieve the goal. The reward for mastering the task would be a scholarship award. After months of disciplined practice, the moment finally came when the Jubilee Ringers stood before an audience and performed their piano selections. After the scholarship concert, several students asked “did I do well?”

One day Jesus was sitting on a mountain and began engaging his disciples with a series of stories that showed them the kind of people who would enter into the kingdom of heaven. One of those stories talked about doing well. He told of a man who was traveling to a distant country. Prior to leaving, he entrusted each of his servants with talents according to their abilities. He told them to occupy themselves by doing business with the talents until he returned.

A talent was something of great value. It was the largest denomination for the weight of silver or gold. The servants were given great responsibility, but the man was certain that they were capable of investing the talents and showing a profit upon his return. When he returned, he was able to say, “well done” to all but one of the servants. The servant who received that smallest amount hid his talent in the ground and was unable to show any profit. The only thing he could give the master was a blatant, disingenuous excuse. He was pathetically lazy and disinterested in doing well for his master. The consequence for disobeying the master’s command was severe punishment. The man ordered the unprofitable servant to be thrown into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. This servant did not make it into the kingdom of heaven.

At Jubilee Music Enrichment we want the youth who enter our doors to realize that they have been endowed with valuable gifts. We endeavor to see children occupied with developing their gift so they can be used in doing business for the Lord Jesus Christ. We want them to hear Him say, “well done.” We want them to receive the reward of eternal life in heaven. Yet, we are aware that there is an intense spiritual battle.

Being a servant of Christ in these times takes tenacity. It is easy for our youth to succumb to the pressure and propaganda of this world. Discipline is challenging. Our youth can be easily distracted by the glittering yet cheap tinsel of this world and lose focus on cultivating the valuable talents they have been given. They often give up fighting and choose the path that leads to the temporary thrills of youth. In the story of the talents, Jesus tells us that the consequence of choosing the way of pleasure and ease is the destruction of the soul. What we do to support and encourage our youth can make the difference in where they spend eternity.

In September, we will start our new program year. The process of striving for scholarship awards will once again commence. The Jubilee Ringers will have another opportunity to do well. Please pray for us as we occupy ourselves in the business of preparing them for the most importance appearance they will ever have - the one that matters for eternity.

I answered the students' question saying, "Yes, you did well." But, I hope they will hear those words coming from the one who matters most, Jesus. We want them to hear him say, "well done my good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."

### Prayer Requests

- The Bible says that the fervent, effectual prayers of righteous people avail much. In the same passage we are given the example of Elijah. He prayed that it would be no rain and his prayer was answered. It did not rain for three years and six months. Once again, he prayed that it would rain and his prayer was answered – how awesome! We are told that he was just like us. In other words, although he was a great prophet, we have just as great of a standing before the Lord when it comes to having our prayers answered. If we follow Elijah's example, being righteous and earnestly entreating the Lord with our request, we can have confidence that our prayers will be answered. Jubilee Music Enrichment needs righteous partners to diligently pray for this ministry as we commence programs in our new building. We have a vision of the Lord doing great things. Revival is needed in this neighborhood. Nothing is too hard for God.
- A most pressing prayer request is for the Lord to send laborers who love Him and are dedicated to serving him. As we start programs we need at least two people to be in the building at all times when children are present. Please pray that the Lord fills this need.
- We have initiated the process of making the repairs on the building. Please pray that the permit process goes smoothly, that everything will be done well, and that we will pass the inspections to receive our certificate of occupancy by September.



- As you enter Yorkship Square, you may be impressed with the beautiful park and the tree lined streets, but behind this façade people are living in the dark world of sin. They need Jesus. Please pray that we will be renewed with spiritual strength each day as we minister to the community. Pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts of the children and parents, who come through our door, to receive the message of salvation.
- Please pray for us as we canvas the neighborhood during the month of August. We are also planning our building dedication ceremony and an outreach activity in the park located across the street from our building in the fall. The dates will be determined after the city approves our occupancy. We will be reaching out to churches and individuals who would like to participate. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of any of these activities.
- Pray that we "do well" with the talents that the Lord has given us to use for the ministry.