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## ADVENTIST STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

September 2017  
Talents

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#### Editorial - Talents

Jesus told many parables in His teaching and one of them is recorded in Matthew 25 about a 'Master' who was making a journey out of the country, so he called up his servants and gave them 'talents.' Interestingly, not every servant was given the same number of talents: one got five talents, the other got two talents,

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#### E. G. White's Corner

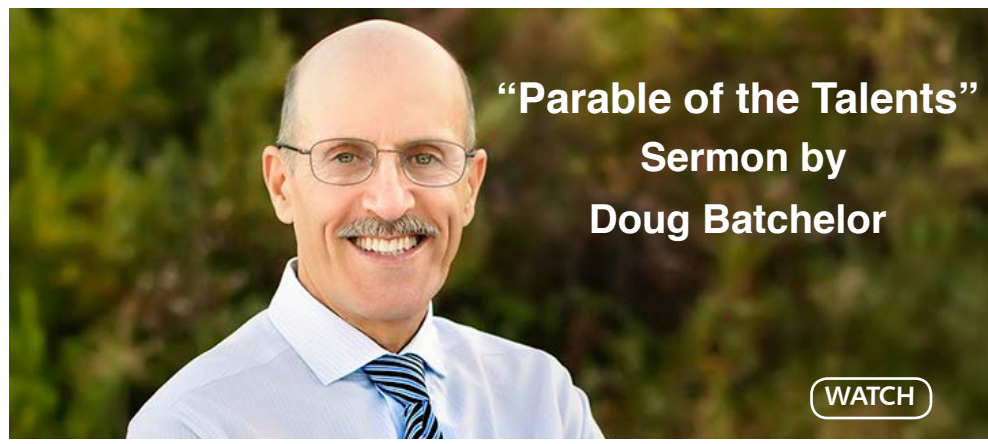
"There are some who think that unless they are directly connected with active religious work, they are not doing the will of God; but this is a mistake. Everyone has a work to do for the Master; it is a won-

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"We Must Give an Account—"If our own people would only put into the cause of God the money that has been lent them in trust, that portion which they spend in selfish gratification, in idolatry, they would lay up tre-

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#### "Parable of the Talents" Sermon by Doug Batchelor

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#### 60 Years of Organized Stewardship Ministry

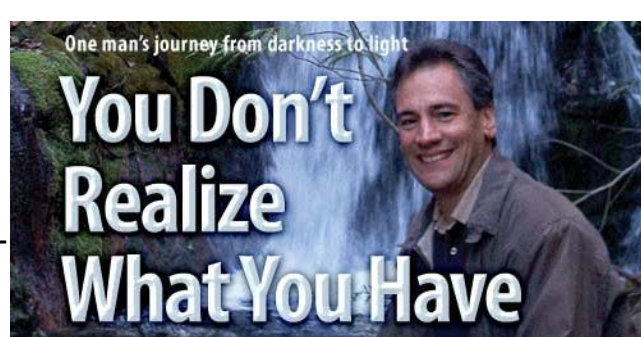
The World Stewardship Ministries team unveiled their history chart on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 in the presence of two former Stewardship Ministries director and associate director: Paul Smith (1971-1985) and Mario Nino (2010- 2015). Marking this historic occasion was Angel Rodriguez who helped shaped the teachings of stewardship in his books, Tithing in the New Testament Church, Tithing in E. G. White Writings and Stewardship Roots.

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#### You Don't Realize What you Have by Pauline Pierson

Larry Pirraglia grew up Roman Catholic, and became an Adventist after attending NET '96 meetings. I have been so impressed with his enthusiasm and love for his church. And, I must admit, I have been a little envious. As a fifth-generation Adventist, even though I have always loved the Lord and my church, I have never felt the excitement of a newfound faith such as he has. So as his friend and fellow church member, I decided to interview him.— Pauline Pierson, Collegedale, Tennessee.



PIERSON: How and why did you become an SDA, and how do you feel about the church now?

PIRRAGLIA: I was raised a Roman Catholic, but must admit my family was pretty nominal. At 14 I was studying the catechism for confirmation. It was there that I learned about the Sabbath. I also studied Italian, and learned that Saturday in Italian is sabato. Both of these facts left an impression on me.

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#### Sermon Illustrations



#### Be Faithful With Your Talents

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#### Talent is Cheap, Dedication Is Costly

Bertoldo de Giovanni is a name even the most enthusiastic lover of art is unlikely to recognize. He was the pupil of Donatello, the greatest sculptor of his time, and he was the teacher of Michelangelo, the greatest sculptor of all...

#### Dear Talent-Digger

by Christina Neagu

I saw you when you put your backpack behind the door. I saw you when you sat down in the corner of the room where you like to lie down, hoping that, if you close your eyes, you will not feel or think anything. I know how difficult it ...

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