

TEAM LACERTA

Look out! A racing team has invited Liz to join them. But when Liz is assigned to clean up the garage and arrange the tools, he's disappointed that he's not an important part of the team!

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Faithfulness in small things.

- 1. This verse comes from the parable of the 10 talents. Read this parable in <u>Matthew 25:14-30</u>. Do you ever wonder about what job you'll have when you grow up? Do you ever think about what kind of job God would like you to have?
- 2. In <u>1 Kings 18</u>, Elijah was God's prophet who did his job faithfully. He faced an angry king who blamed Elijah for a drought, a queen who wanted to kill him, 450 prophets of Baal, and a crowd of people who doubted in the God whom Elijah served. Even against all that, Elijah followed God's commands. He challenged Ahab and all the prophets of that false god. In a crowd of unbelievers and doubters, he prayed to God asking for the people to turn back to God. God was faithful and fire came down from heaven. Later on, rain came down as well, ending the drought. As you listen to this program, think about what God has called you to do and today is calling you to do. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Memory Verse

²³ "Wonderful!" his master replied. "You are a good and faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share in my happiness!"

Matthew 25:23

After You Listen

In this episode, Liz was careless when he did a job he was asked to do. When we do a job, we should do it faithfully, because we're not just doing it for our parents, or our teachers, or our boss—we're doing it for God! God values all kinds of jobs, because there are so many different jobs needed to take care of the world that he created. Take a look at this Biblical job list and see if you can name some people who did these jobs faithfully: shepherd, king, soldier, doctor, priest, tax collector, fishermen and carpenter.

In the parable of the 10 talents, the servants with 10 and 5 talents did their jobs trustworthily. They were obedient in how they used the gifts the master had given them. God values all work. He takes what we do—and how we do it—very seriously. If we grumble or don't do our work well, God is not pleased. Whatever you do, both now and when you're an adult, do everything faithfully!

Want to dig deeper and learn more about doing good work? Check out the story of Deborah in <u>Judges 4</u> and the story of Lydia in Acts 16:11-15.

Challenge

Practice faithfulness this week in how you manage one of God's gifts to you: the gift of time. Are you someone who is always late? Do you put off unpleasant tasks until the last minute? Do you often have to hurry through jobs because you don't have enough time? Managing time is one way to show God that you

are trustworthy with what he has given you. This week, make a goal to never be late. What will that take? Getting up a little earlier? Planning things out ahead of time? Spending less time on distractions? Starting jobs early? Share your goal with your family, so they can help. They may need to make some changes too.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: Where did Liz's dad take Liz, Morrie, and Spike?

Answer: Terrene Speedway.

Question 2: Who did they meet there?

Answer: Percy Pomegranate.

Question 3: What did Percy offer Liz?

Answer: A job on the racing team.

Question 4: What was Liz expected to do?

Answer: Cleaning the garage, organizing tools.

Question 5: Why did the car crash?

Answer: Because the nuts were loose

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