But I Was Afraid?

Intro. - 1. Say a word in behalf of man who buried the talent.

2. Not as he is usually portrayed.

a. One who "buried his talent" - racial, teacher, lead, etc.

b. As rather stubborn, muddled man who should have known use what have and it be multiplied.

c. As it turned out, so he appeared, but look at story.

3. Master of property committed goods to servants. #5000, #2000, #1000.

a. 5 and 2 did well. Doubled the money.

b. One who didn't gamble looked bad.

c. In order to double money, 2 servants ran risk of losing it. Had they lost all, how would you regard 3rd servant? As wise?

d. 3rd servant knew all that might happen + did the conservative thing - conserved value at hand rather than risk losing.

e. So doing, soundly + strongly condemned.

4. In spite of this condemnation, I feel some identity

I He was afraid.

1. I know what it is to live, act out of fear.

2. Not born with fear; learn it.

a. Indirectly, unconscious - Unknown, uncontrolled, unseen.

b. Directly. ① Valued as discipline.

② Valued as good deportment. Fear of girl - 7th grade.

(c) Valued in church. Fear of relig. + sacred called reverence, fear of hell-goodness; fear of questioning faith.

(d) Valued in society. Bird in hand; be not 1st by whom ---

3. Even though I was learning its destructive power.

(a) Destroys moral life.

(b) Destroys intellectual life.

(c) Destroys social life.

(d) Destroys spiritual life.

II I not alone; ch. has ident with posture of fear; legit. + blessed it.

1. In church called faith; firm, stable; certainty. How depend + preserve faith?

2. In ch. called it wisdom. Grocer in new business; girl married; politician for office.

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