

# ONE TALENT FAITHFULLY USED

WHEN WE REMEMBER THAT THE LARGE MAJORITY OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE ARE OF NECESSITY ONE TALENTED, WE FEEL ESPECIAL INTEREST IN A LITTLE VERSE BY JOHN L. SHOREY, WHICH ILLUSTRATES A FAITHFUL ONE-TALENTED PERSON. WE QUOTE IT AS FOLLOWS:—

“He couldn't sing and he couldn't play,  
He couldn't speak, and he couldn't pray,  
He'd try to read, but break right down,  
Then sadly grieve at smile or frown.  
While some with talents five began,  
He started out with only one.

‘With this,’ he said, ‘I'll do my best,  
And trust the Lord to do the rest.’  
His trembling hand and tearful eye  
Gave forth a world of sympathy,  
When all alone with one distressed,  
He whispered words that calmed that breast.



Willem de Poorter's The Parable of The Talents, 17th Century.

“And little children learned to know,  
When grieved and troubled, where to go.  
He loved the birds, the flowers, the trees,  
And, loving him, his friends loved these.  
His homely features lost each trace  
Of homeliness, and in his face

There beamed a kind and tender light  
That made surrounding features bright,  
When illness came he smiled at fears,  
And bade his friends to dry their tears;  
He said, ‘Good-bye,’ and all confess  
He made of life a grand success.”