

Series: Found Faithful

Title: Stewardship of our Talents

Text: (Matt 25:14-29)

The Tragedy of a wasted Life.

Everything Belongs to God:

We Are God's Stewards: (1 Cor 4:2)

God gave us everything we have: (1 Cor 4:7)

God gave us Gifts/Talents to use in His Service:

(Eph 4:7-8)

We are the Recipients of God's Gifts/Talents:

(1 Cor 12:4-11)

We are the Stewards of God's Gifts/Talents:

(1 Pet 4:10)

We are to Use God's Gifts/Talents for His Glory!

We are to Watch & be Ready: (Mat 24:36, 42, 44, 50)

(Matt 25:13) (Matt 24:3)

We Do not Know when the lord will return: (Matt 24:4-35)

Jesus Gives us 2 Kingdom Parables @ theme of Readiness

The Parable of the 10 Virgins (Mat 25:1-13)

The Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30)

I. As a Kingdom Citizen we have a Great Responsibility:

(Vs 14-15)

We have the same In the Visible Kingdom of Jesus Christ

Those who have great Gifts & Talents. - Level 5

Others who have Gifts & Talents - Level 2

Others who have Gifts & Talents - Level 1

II. As a Kingdom Citizen we have a Great Reaction:

(Vs 16-18)

III. As a Kingdom Citizen we have a Great Reckoning:

(Vs 19-20)

(Matt 25:5) *While the bridegroom tarried,*

(Matt 12:36) *shall give account thereof in the day of judgment*

(Matt 25:31-35) *A Time to Separate the Sheep from the Goats*

(1 Jn 2:28) *and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*

(1 Jn 4:17) *we may have boldness in the day of judgment*

(Phil 2:16) *that I may rejoice in the day of Christ,*

(Matt 25:20) *Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents:*

(2 Tim 4:7-8)

IV. As a Kingdom Citizen we have a Great Reward:(vs 21)

(Rev 20:6)

Heaven is not going to be boring.

Will there be ranks of people in heaven? Yes/NO

(Matt 20) Parable of the householder

SAME RESPONSE! (Vs 22-25)

(Heb 12:2) *for the joy that was set before him*

(Lk 19:17)

(Lk 19:19) *Be thou also over five cities.*

2 Things That betray Him as a NOT

"I knew thee that thou art an hard man" that's His Opinion

reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant,

He didn't say...*You poor misguided servant.*

Your right, its not your stuff, nor is it your idea, so I should give you free stuff for existing.

No! He said...**"Thou wicked and slothful servant"**

You are wicked!

All you really wanted was to do your own thing.

All you really wanted was to follow your own sinful pursuits.

Then you blamed the Master!

NO!, he was a servant b/c he incurred a debt he couldn't pay.

The master paid his debt & let this person live to work it off.

Nothing in Life is Free!

It wasn't the Master who created a debt he couldn't pay.

This servant did that.

You just wanted the rest of us to take care of you like its some human right,

You just stuck the Money in the ground b/c Serving got in the way of doing what you wanted.

You made no use of the Spiritual Gifts/Talents/Opportunities.

You are a Wicked & LAZY SERVANT!

Then he Impuned His master's Character

"Thou wicked and slothful servant,

thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: DID YOU?

Oh, Is that so?

You knew that did you?

You knew that I expected a return?

YOU ARE A LIAR!

You had no concern for YOUR debt I paid.

You had No concern for me and my kingdom.

No My service Got in the way off your own selfish pursuits.

THEN...

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, (Bankers)

and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. (Interest)

12% was the going interest rate.

6% from the person who invested.

If I was a God worth fearing you would have at least gave it to someone else to receive simple interest.

YOU ARE A LIAR!

It took more effort to dig a hole and hide it.

You were to wicked & Selfish to care.

You wasted your Spiritual Gifts/Talents/Opportunities.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

God gave it b/c it belongs to Him.

I see people who learn their craft in the Choir loft, then run off to the World and Prostitute their Spiritual Gifts/Talents/Opportunities.

Why give it to the guy with 10?

Because God could trust him to use his Spiritual Gifts/
Talents/Opportunities for God's benefit.

(1 Cor 12:3) *that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth
Jesus accursed:*

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance:

The ones that have demonstrated their faithful obedience to
steward the Spiritual Gifts/Talents/Opportunities given to
them by God will be given more!

God will remove what they seem to have and give it to
someone else who will steward it for God's blessing.

**but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that
which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant
into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing
of teeth.**

**What are you doing with the Spiritual Gifts/Talents/
Opportunities God gave you?**

**But you are forgetting; that Time & Effort is really Gods
Spiritual Gifts/Talents/Opportunities given to you by God.**

Do you think God is too hard?

Do you think God is too unfair?

**Then what are you doing with the Spiritual Gifts/Talents/
Opportunities God gave you?**

You will give an account in the day of Judgement.

(1 Cor 3:13-15) *Every man's work shall be made manifest: for*

I want you to go to work tomorrow and give your employer
the same excuse for your Lack of effort that you give God.

How long will you work there?

Is God a god to be feared?

Is God a god to be respected?

Is God a god to be served?

Is God a god worthy of your obedience?

Based on your efforts/attitude lately, is God, God?