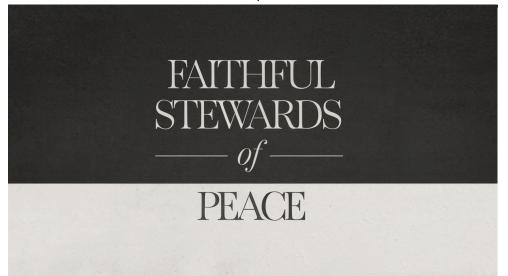
Faithful Stewards of Peace

December 8, 2024 | Matthew 25:14-30



Observations from Matthew 25:14-30

What is happening in these verses?

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."

- Matthew 25:21:

Understaning the Parable of the Talents:

- The Master's Command: A master gives his servants talents (*money*) according to their abilities before leaving on a journey (*Matthew 25:14-15*).
- The Servants' Actions: <u>Two</u> servants invest the talents and double their value; the third buries his talent out of fear (*Matthew 25:16-18*).
- The Master's Return: The master rewards the faithful servants & condemns the unfaithful one for his inaction. (*Matthew 25:19-30*).
- **Kingdom Implication:** This parable emphasizes faithful stewardship of what God has entrusted to us in preparation for Christ's return (cf. Luke 16:10).

Just as we prepare the way for Christ's first coming, we prepare for Christ's second coming. Let us steward all that God has given for His glory!

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Lessons from Matthew 25:14-30:

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- 1. Stewardship Reflects Preparation and Readiness (Matthew 25:14-15)
- God gives each of us everything and calls us to faithfully steward in readiness for Christ. (*Ref: 1 Peter 4:10-11, Ephesians 2:10*)
- 2. Faith Over Fear (Matthew 25:16-18)
- Faith leads to bold action. Fear can cause stagnation. God is with us! (*Ref: 2 Timothy 1:7, Hebrews 11:6*)
- 3. Reward for Faithfulness in Christ (Matthew 25:19-23)
- Living faithfully in Christ brings peace. Be an active believer. You will be told in the end, "Well done, good and faithful servant." (*Ref: Romans* 14:17)
- **4.** The Consequences of Inaction (Matthew 25:24-30)
- Neglecting our responsibilities to God reveals a lack of transformation. Don't miss the opportunity to bear fruit. (*Ref: James 2:17*)

Application from Matthew 25:14-30:

How can I apply / live out these verses?

1. Steward All That God Has Given to You

 Reflect on the time, talent, and treasure that God has given to you. Use them wisely for the glory of God. (Ref: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

2. Live in Faith, Not Fear

 Replace fear with trust in God's provision and step boldly into His calling for your life. (Ref: Isaiah 41:10)

3. Be a Peacemaker in Your Community

 Let the peace of Christ flow through you in your words and actions.(Ref: Matthew 5:9)

4. Multiply God's Peace

 Peace grows when shared. Be intentional to share the peace of Christ with others. (Ref: Galatians 6:9-10)

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