

Faithful Stewards of Peace

December 8, 2024 | *Matthew 25:14-30*

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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:

Understanding 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:** Two 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*)
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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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