



**Series:** God and Money

**Sermon:** Part 3: Giving An Account To The Master

**Date:** Sunday, January 28th, 2024

*“Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming...For this reason you must be ready as well; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.” (Matthew 24:42, 44)*

*Scripture referenced: Matthew 28:18-20*

The return of Christ is not where we just wait and do nothing till He comes, but instead His coming at an unknown time should \_\_\_\_\_ everything that we are currently doing.

*“For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.” (Matthew 25:14-15)*

A \_\_\_\_\_: a unit of money in ancient times that was measured by weight like kilograms or pounds. (1 talent = approximately 15 years of wages)

*“Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his Lord’s money. After a long time the Lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His Lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’ He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His Lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’” (Matthew 25:16-23)*

*Scripture Referenced: John 15:10-11*

The Master was impressed that both servants had the \_\_\_\_\_ priorities in mind and used all that they had been given to the best of their abilities.

*“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’” (Matthew 25:24-25)*



For those who do know God intimately, the result is that our lives, our service, our actions, are geared towards \_\_\_\_\_ God, honoring God, and pleasing God.

*“You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.” (Matthew 25:26-27)*

The servant was more concerned with his \_\_\_\_\_ affairs rather than the Master’s affairs, which is why he didn’t do anything for the Master.

God has given us responsibilities and we are \_\_\_\_\_ of what He has given us.

*“So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 25:28-30)*

How we use what we have simply reveals where our love is for God and where our priorities are when it comes to God. Our readiness to be face to face with Jesus is determined by how we have stewarded the resources that He has entrusted to us.

**Bottom Line:** *How we use what we have is stewardship and how we steward is our worship.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. *If Jesus were to come back tonight, would you be happy and relieved by His return? Or surprised and anxious by His return?*
2. *How may God be inviting you to prioritize His priorities in your life?*
3. *How may you serve God and invest in what He is doing so that others can find real life in Jesus?*
4. *How may you leverage what God has entrusted to you to do that?*
5. *What have I done with my knowledge? My time? My abilities? My power and my resources? Have I used such things to love and serve God or just love and serve myself? Have I grown His Kingdom or have I only grown mine?*

*Songs used in service: Battle Belongs (Phil Wickham), Tumbas A Jardines (Elevation Worship & Brandon Lake), (This Is Our God (Phil Wickham), Good Lord (David Leonard), God So Loved (We The Kingdom)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

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**What can we be praying for you about?**