

Sermon Questions—September 2, 2018
Matthew 25:14-30
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Context:

What a fantastic text! The section of Matthew Jerry taught on relates to the key theme of the Kingdom of Heaven and the Second Coming of Jesus. Chapter 24 and into Chapter 25 emphasizes the importance of making prudent, wise decisions and choices (Slaves in chapter 24 and Virgins/Slaves in chapter 25) and the implications. As Jerry stated the context is set around the importance of being watchful, being ready and being faithful.

Prior to verse 14 there is a strong statement around being shut out of the wedding feast (verse 10).

Just as in the early church we are waiting for the Lord's coming and our future in Heaven. We are seeing a peek into the unseen world and the implications of our choices here on earth.

Are we willing to put ourselves "under the Word of God" in the application of this text?

These themes are ones you may want to ponder as your go through these questions.

Questions:

1. When you read verses 14-30 what are the first impressions you have of the dialogue between the Master and the slaves/servants?
 - a. In your mind how faithful of a servant are you to our Lord today?
 - b. What opportunities do you see in your life to be a faithful servant?
2. Do you see yourself as a slave to Christ? To what degree?
3. How do you respond to the Master's commentary around the slave who is lazy or slothful? Does the interaction with the slave with 1 talent seem harsh? Why or why not?
4. How does this text shape your view of God? A God with expectations or a God of Grace but emphasis on a sense of urgency? A loving God wanting us to join in the feast?
5. What spiritual application will you take away from this text?
 - a. Extravagant Love of God? Jesus delight for us?
 - b. Motivation of being faithful, watchful and ready? If so, how? How does entering into the Master Joy come into the picture?
 - c. Something else?