

LESSON 3: Being A Steward And The Resulting Faith Relationship.

Read pages 10-12 of Giving God's Way

1. Last week we learned that God owns everything. Our lives, the air we breathe, the food we eat, our houses, children, jobs, talents, abilities and the money we earn. What is your role with what God has given you? Read Matthew 25:14-31.

THE CALL:

In verse 14 who did the man going on a journey call to himself?

Which of the two people are you in the parable, the master or the servant being called?

If God calls you, what are you supposed to do?

What do you do?

THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY:

In verse 14 what did the man going on a journey charge his servants to do?

In verse 15 did each of the servants receive the same amount?

THE RESPONSE:

How soon did the servants who received five and two talents begin working?

What were their results?

What did the servant who received one talent do with the money?

What was his result?

THE ACCOUNTING:

How long was it before the master returned from his journey? Did the servants know exactly when the master was going to return?

What was the master's response for each of the servants?

The servant who gained five talents:

The servant who gained two talents:

The servant who returned the money:

Why was the servant who returned the money after burying the money referred to as wicked and lazy?

What was his reward?

2. According to this passage what should be the ambition of every Christian?

2 Cor. 5:9 Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

3. According to the passage below, how can a Christian show love for God?

John 14:23-24 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. [24] He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

4. According to the passages below, what should be your first step in a faith relationship with God?

2 Cor. 8:5 And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

5. What does it mean to give yourself first to God? How is this done? How often is this done?

6. According to the passage below, what promises has God made to you as a Christian?

Hebrews 13:5-6 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." [6] So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

7. According to the passage below, what is faith? Is faith a choice? What should faith be based on?

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.