

All In

What God Expects Us to Do With All That He Has Given Us

Matthew 25:14-30

- I. God has entrusted us with responsibility to steward the resources he has given us.
 - A. Jesus teaches his disciples the expectation for faithful stewardship in his Kingdom.
 - B. The King calls his servants to steward his property while he is away (vv. 14-18).
 - 1. The duty of the servant is the stewardship of the King's property (v. 14).
 - 2. The standard for entrustment of property is the ability of each servant (v. 15).
 - 3. The response of the first two servants to their calling is faithful stewardship (vv. 16-17).
 - 4. The response of the third servant is unfaithfulness (v. 18).
 - C. We are called to steward the time, talents and treasures that God has entrusted to us.
- II. God will call us to account for how we steward the resources he has given us.
 - A. The King calls his servants to account (vv. 19-28).
 - 1. The response of the King to faithfulness is reward (vv. 19-23).
 - 2. The response of the King to the unfaithfulness is retribution (vv. 24-28).
 - 3. The reason the third steward was unfaithful is because of his poor view of his master (vv. 24-25).
 - 4. The reason the King condemned the third servant is because he neglected his duties (vv. 26-28).
 - B. We will have to show God what we did with what he has given us.
- III. God will elevate his stewards or demote them based on their faithfulness.
 - A. Jesus counsels his disciples on the privileges or the peril that will result from their stewardship of his resources (vv. 29-30).
 - 1. Faith results in reward (v. 29a).
 - 2. Faithlessness results in personal rejection and regret (vv. 29b-30).
 - B. Our future status in God's kingdom depends on our stewardship.
 - 1. It is to our benefit to be faithful stewards.
 - 2. It is to our peril to neglect our duty.
- IV. Be All In
 - A. Invest what God has given you into God's Kingdom!
 - B. Avoid hoarding your time, talents and treasures.
 - C. Do your very best with what you've got!
 - D. Spend your time, talents and treasures wisely!
 - E. Focus on deploying resources and not conserving.