

Pathway: A Roadmap to Life in Christ at ChangePoint
How shall he find us
Matthew 24:45-51 & 25:14-30

Big Idea:

What is the lasting difference in our stewardship between faithfulness and wickedness?

Matthew 24:12–14 (CSB)

12 Because lawlessness will multiply, **the love of many will grow cold**. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 This good news of the kingdom **will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations**, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:45–51 (CSB)

⁴⁵“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give them food at the proper time? ⁴⁶Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes. ⁴⁷Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸But if that wicked servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delayed,’ ⁴⁹and starts to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰that servant’s master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know. ⁵¹He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:14–30 (CSB)

¹⁴“For it is just like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent, depending on each one’s ability. Then he went on a journey. Immediately ¹⁶the man who had received five talents went, put them to work, and earned five more. ¹⁷In the same way the man with two earned two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five talents approached, presented five more talents, and said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I’ve earned five more talents.’ ²¹“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’ ²²“The man with two talents also approached. He said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I’ve earned two more talents.’ ²³“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’ ²⁴“The man who had received one talent also approached and said, ‘Master, I know you. You’re a harsh man, reaping where you haven’t sown and gathering where you haven’t scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶“His master replied to him, ‘You evil, lazy servant! If you knew that I reap where I haven’t sown and gather where I haven’t scattered, ²⁷then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and I would have received my money back with interest when I returned. ²⁸“‘So take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have more than enough. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ³⁰And throw this good-for-nothing servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

What is the lasting difference in our stewardship between faithfulness and wickedness?

1. Is my motive faithful or faithless?
2. Is my goal pleasure now or joy forever?
3. Am I waiting or refusing to obey now or am I doing the last thing he gave me to do?

Pastor’s Challenge:

1. Find a place to serve.
2. Commit to give to the ministry you’re a part of.