

A House of Participation

Matthew 25:14-30

The Bottom Line: There is no room for slackers in the Kingdom of God.

Introduction:

Today, we conclude our 2024 South Bay vision series, *Heart for the House*.

As we have moved through this series, we have been speaking primarily in communal and/or collective terms. However, it is important that we understand our part as individuals also.

If the church is to see God move on the larger scale, it will be because various individuals decided to be faithful in their own participation.

Truth:

Jesus does not simply look for spectators. He looks for servants who actively seel
His Kingdom and its righteousness. This principle is explained in our text today.
Look with me at Matthew 25:14-30.
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Application & Conclusion:

There is no room for slackers in the Kingdom of God. Whether we want to accept it or not, the Master never entrusted His Kingdom to angels or animals – He entrusted it to us. We are the responsible stewards and employed servants of His sovereign plan. This begs the question:

How are you investing your wealth, possessions, resources, gifts, abilities, positions, or even your own salvation for the Master?

Do not assume you will get by with good intentions. God wants to put you to work, not because He needs you, but because other people that He wants to save <u>do</u> need you. Furthermore, you will find purpose and joy in being used by the Master you love, and Who so loved you.

One final note – the servant who had the least was the same one who decided to lay back. Some of you may feel that today, but I encourage you with this.

Steward what you do have, and you will see the return on your faithfulness, if not here, at the time the Master returns.

Reflection Questions:

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2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?