



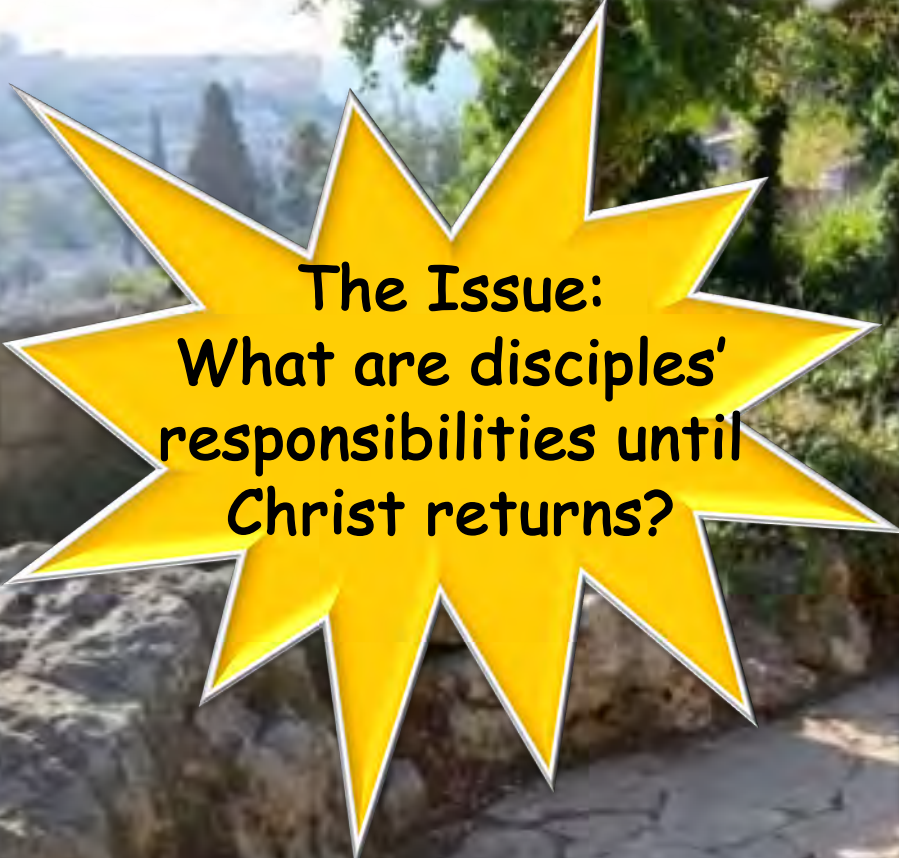
# The Parable of the Talents

## Matthew 25:14-30

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**Setting: The Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24-25)**  
**Two days before Jesus' crucifixion**

- ◆ **The disciples have 3 questions (Matt. 24:3)**
- ◆ **Jesus repeatedly warned that He will return unannounced (Matt. 24:27, 36, 42, 44, 50; 25:13)**



**The Issue:  
What are disciples'  
responsibilities until  
Christ returns?**



**Matthew 25:14-30**

**The Master**  
**Jesus**

**Servants**  
**Disciples**

**Distributed**  
**according**  
**to ability**

**Talents**


**God-given resources and**  
**opportunities for service**









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- ◆ Depicts final day of reckoning
  - ◆ Rewards for faithfulness

Approval

Praise

Privileges  
granted

Rewarded

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(Matt. 25:20)

# Matthew 25:22-23

The Master  
focused on  
faithfulness,  
not quantity

Approval

Praise

Privileges  
granted

Rewarded



# Matthew 25:24-30

**Not a true  
slave  
(hypocrite)**

**Condemned**

**Corrected**

**Privileges  
removed**

**Punished**



# HE WAS CAST INTO OUTER DARKNESS



- ✓ Separated from everyone and everything (alone!)
- ✓ Weeping (regret for bad choices)
- ✓ Gnashing of teeth (eternal punishment)

- ☞ Jesus would be going away for an unspecified amount of time . . . but He will certainly return (Matt. 25:14,19)
- ☞ What is He doing while He's away? (John 14:2,3; Hebrews 7:25)

**WHAT DO WE LEARN?**



God entrusts each disciple with varying amounts of resources to invest in kingdom building (Rom. 12:3-8)

Use it or lose it!

WHY DO WE LEARN  
BY THE MASTER

Spiritual  
gift(s)

Ministry

Time

Education

Music  
ability

Witness  
opportunity

\$  
Possessions




☞ You need to be diligent and faithful in Kingdom work (1 Cor. 4:2)

Live as if Jesus is coming today!  
Plan as if Jesus is coming in 50 years

WHAT DO WE LEARN  
FROM THE GOOD  
SERVANTS?





Well done,  
good and  
faithful servant

To whom  
much is given,  
much is required  
(Lk 12:48)

- ☞ All faithfulness will be rewarded (1 Cor. 4:2)
- ☞ There are heavenly rewards for using all your "talents"
  - ✓ Responsible positions of service (Rev. 7:15)
  - ✓ Crowns (2 Tim. 4:8)
  - ✓ The joy of the Lord (Matt. 25:21, 23; 8:11)

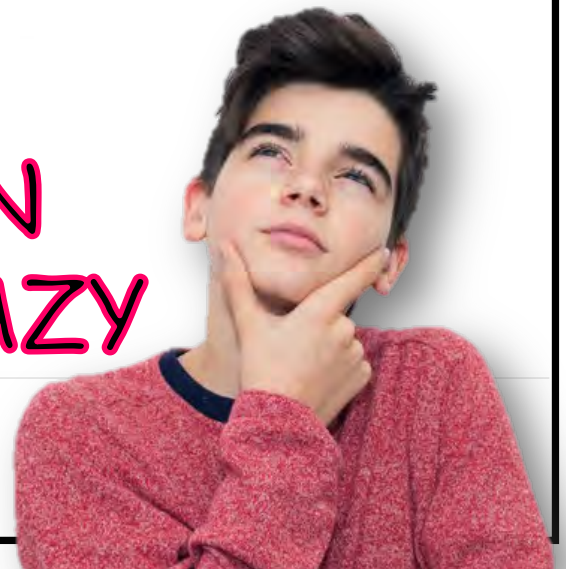
☞ Failure to use the resources God has given you reveals:

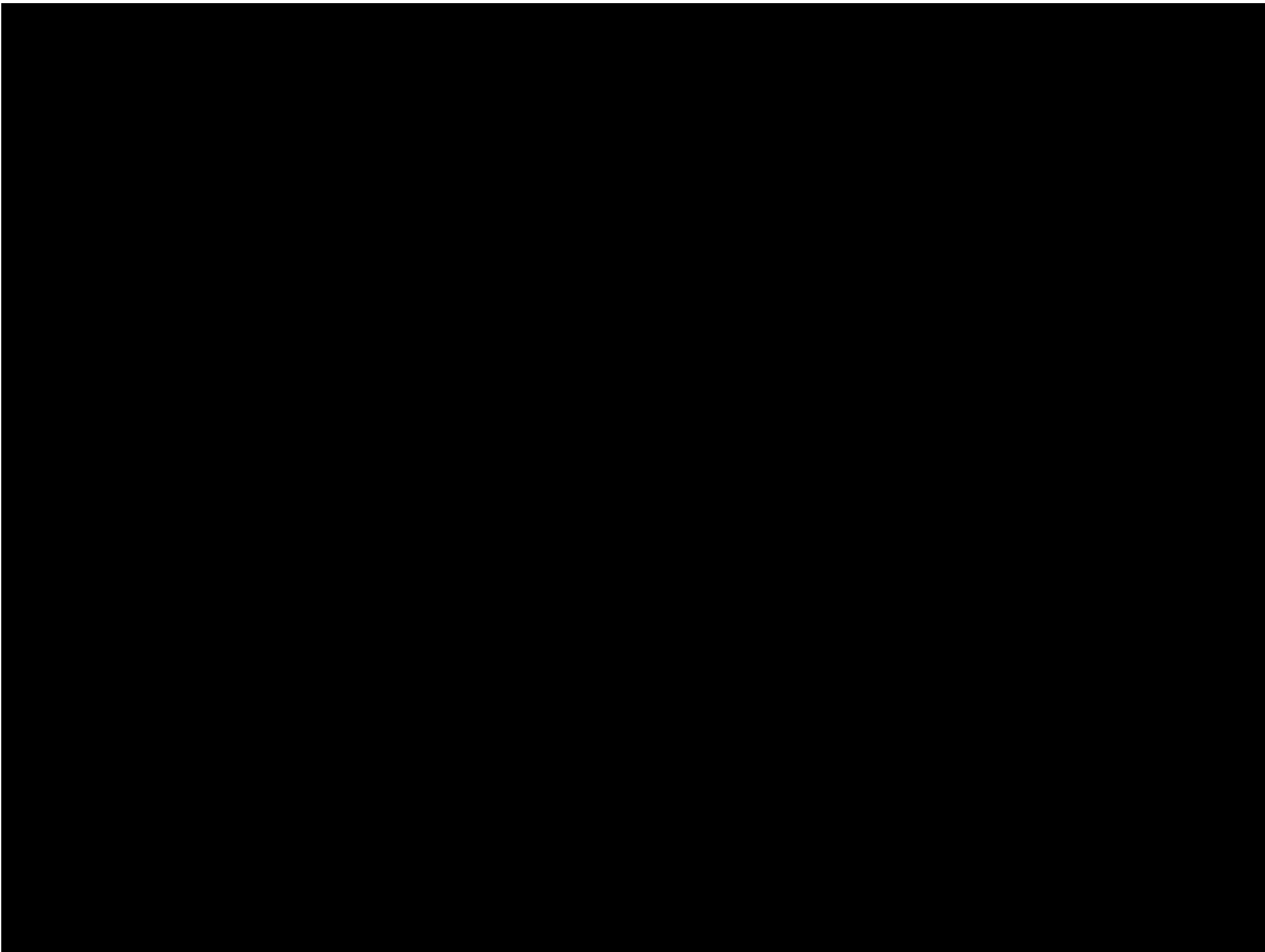
✓ You are a disobedient disciple  
(1 Cor. 3:13-15)

✓ You are not a true disciple and will be cast into hell (Matt. 7:21)

Be ready  
to meet Jesus!  
Rev. 22:12

WHAT DO WE LEARN  
FROM THE WICKED/LAZY  
SERVANT??





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