

Sermon Study Questions

November 27, 2022

1. Read Matthew 25:14-30
2. In order to properly understand and apply Jesus' parables we must rightly interpret the key parts or figures in order to rightly interpret the whole. With that in mind, who do all of these servants represent in this parable? What about the "good servants" and the "wicked servant" in particular. Who do they represent?
3. What is a talent? What do you learn about the master from him giving talents to each of his servants?
4. Jesus teaches that talents are given according to each one's abilities. The idea being, God gives each person work or responsibilities that are in accord with his/her abilities. With that in mind, what ability do you have? What "talent," i.e. practical work, can you do to advance God's cause in the world or in the lives of others that aligns with that?
5. What are the rewards the master gives to the faithful servants, and what do you learn about heaven from the rewards that are given to them?
6. What is it that made the wicked servant "wicked" and earned him such a harsh punishment? What do learn about eternal judgment from this?
7. This wicked servant had a very wrong view of his master. Where do we see this in the parable? How did this contribute to his attitude towards his master, and what lesson do you learn from this?
8. Though this parable calls us to evaluate ourselves as servants of the Master, how does this parable also point you to Jesus?
9. What practical application can you make from this text/sermon?
10. Pray!