



Are You Qualified?

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Matthew 25:14-29

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[20] And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24] He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! ... you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29] For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'

Application Questions

1) How does Jesus call to faithfulness (Matthew 25) fit with Paul's boast of weakness (2 Corinthians 12)?

2) What way are you motivated to be faithful to Jesus in all things, (little, financial and another's things)?

3) In what ways have you encouraged others around you who are faithful?

Sermon Outline

Faithfulness is demonstrating to God and others that I can be trusted with greater responsibility based on past performance.

- Given Responsibility
- Given Accountability
- Given Rewards

- Dependable, Reliable, Trustworthy

- In Little Things
- In Finances
- In that Which is Another's

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

»**May Special Sisterhood Caring Challenge:** Ladies, sometime this month, even though it is a busy time of year, take a break and spend a few minutes to write a sister-in-Christ a word of encouragement and then pray for God's work in her life.

»**Camp Scholarships:** We would like to provide for families that need to offset the expense to have their youth see, hear, and learn more of the Gospel during the summer Camp experience. Please consider making a donation for a camp scholarship. Please contact Jake for more information. Earmark your donation: "Camp Scholarship".