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Matthew 25:14-30 ESV

God has entrusted us with His resources to steward for His purpose. (v. 14-15) "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away."

One day, God will call us to account for how we lived and stewarded our resources for God and others. (v. 19)

"Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them."

How we steward our lives and resources will determine our eternal reward. (v. 20-30)

"...If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38 ESV)

God is faithful and will reward a life lived to love and serve God and others. (v. 20-30)

"For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints..." (Hebrews 6:10 ESV)

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil." (Luke 6:35 ESV)