

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: September 25, 2022

Title: "Money Matters and Missions"

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

INTRODUCTION:

Three items in the Packet of Information you Picked Up this Morning.

(1) Our Faith Promise Missionary Conference Brochure.

Our focus last week in my message, "And They Went Home". We are missionary **evidence**; miss. **admirers**; miss. **supporters**. Basis: Rom. 10:14-15. Then we considered the question: **WHY BOTHER?**

(2) A Faith Promise Giving Brochure. In the brochure is our F.P. goal.

Our goal will *remain the same* as our 2022 Miss. Budget: \$174,814

- Our goal in the Fall of 2021 (a year ago) for 2022 was \$166,000.

- Our F. P. Offering for 2022 was \$174,814 (that's \$8,814 over the goal)

- That figure became our 2022 miss. Budget: \$174,814

(3) In the F. P. Giving Brochure is a F. P. Card. Turned in on Oct. 23rd.

Missions (ministry in general) costs money! God designed it this way.

See Matthew 6:19-34 (esp. verse 21).

MONEY MATTERS and MISSIONS

The Parable of the Talents - Matthew 25:14-30

1. The Setting of the Parable

The Olivet Discourse between His Triumphal Entry and Crucifixion.

2. The _____ of the Parable:

Though the *Parable of the Talents* was given with Christ's return primarily in mind, it provides four basic biblical principles of money management. The four principles summarize much of what the Bible has to say regarding money and money management.

The Bible does have a lot to say about money management.

"Sixteen out of thirty-eight of Christ's parables deal with money; more is said in the New Testament about money than heaven & hell combined; five times more is said about money than prayer; and while there are 500 plus verses on both prayer and faith, there are over 2,000 verses dealing with money & possessions." [Dr. MacArthur's series Mastery of Materialism.]

GOD _____ IT _____ (25:14)

Very few Christians would argue with this principle, and yet if we follow the principle to its natural conclusion, there are three revolutionary implications:

1. God has the right to whatever He wants whenever He wants it. It's all His, and an owner has _____. I, as a steward, have only _____.
2. Not only is my _____ decision a spiritual decision, but _____ decision is a spiritual decision.
3. You can't _____ stewardship! Your _____ reveals all that you really believe about stewardship.

WE ARE IN A _____ PROCESS (25:21)

Reading the Scriptures, one truth is inescapable: Our time on earth is temporary & used by our Lord as a training time. The whole parable emphasizes this (see Philippians 4:11-12).

1. Money & material possessions are a very effective _____ that God uses to _____ you.
2. Money & material possessions are a _____. My eternal position and reward are determined irrevocably by my faithfulness in handling property that has been entrusted to me by God.
3. God can use my use of His resources as a _____ to the world. My attitude toward wealth becomes the testimony.

THE _____ IS NOT IMPORTANT (25:23)

How you handle what you have been entrusted with is very important.

FAITH REQUIRES _____ (25:24-30)

The wicked servant knew, but he did nothing. *Many of us know what we ought to do, but we _____ or _____.* We have emotional faith and/or intellectual faith, but not volitional faith.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, . . . But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. . . For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." - Matthew 6:19-21, 33