

**GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT**  
**Matthew 25:14-30**

**Three Things To Consider About Being A Servant:**

1. **We've Been Entrusted With** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Have you ever felt bad for the “one talent” guy?
  - Consider the following:
    - A talent was a measurement of money.
    - A talent is equal to 6,000 denarii.
    - A denarius was equal to a day's wage.
  - Modern terms:
    - Mean salary in U.S. = \$35,500 or \$134.50 per day.
    - 6,000 days (x) \$134.50 = \$807,000
  - Do you still feel bad for the guy that “only” got one talent?
  - In Christ's absence, have you ever considered what God has given us to “manage”?
  - *Matthew 28:19-20, “...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*
2. **We Can't Afford To** \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Matthew 25:16, “... he who received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and made five more talents...”*
  - *Matthew 25:18, “But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.”*
  - The third servant was gripped with fear.
  - So often, as a church, we find both of these approaches to ministry!
  - Ask yourself, “Am I a believer who fears everything and does nothing?” or “Am I a believer who knows God's calling and is willing to do everything because I fear nothing with Him?”
  - Verse 19 reminds us Jesus will come back for an accounting!
3. **Those Who Are Lazy** \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Matthew 25:24-30, “...throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*
  - The spiritual parallel, for those who sit on their hands, is a scary proposition from God.
  - *Revelation 3:15-16, “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm - I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”*

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