

Lesson Eight: Faithfulness – Keeping Our Commitments

(read Matthew 25:14-30)

1. What do you observe about the master in this account?
2. In this passage, Jesus states that the kingdom of heaven “will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them”. What observations can you make about the kingdom of heaven based on Jesus’ words in this parable?
3. Jesus uses this parable to demonstrate to His disciples how they should await His return and the fulfillment of the kingdom of heaven. What do the similarities and differences between the three servants show us about waiting well for Christ’s return?
4. How do the first two servants demonstrate their faithfulness to the master, and how does he reward them?
5. Why is our faithfulness to the Lord more important than the amount He has entrusted to us?
6. How does the third man view his master? How does this inform his justification of his actions?
7. What types of excuses might people make today for failing to use their God-given gifts in the service of Jesus Christ?
8. How does the master use the wicked servant’s own words to prove his unfaithfulness?

(Summary)

9. In the context of this passage, how would you explain the principle that “whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them”?
10. How does faithfulness (*pistis*) – your conviction in who God is, your deep belief in Him – compel you to be faithful (*pistos*) in what He’s called you to do?

