

Wait as Those Who Are Prepared to Enhance the Master's Assets!

Sermon Series: HOW to WAIT for Jesus' Return

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Jesus' Return will occur Suddenly, on an Ordinary day, So Be Vigilant, Watchful, Prepared!

- Being Vigilant means being a Good Servant.
- Being Vigilant means being prepared in case of Delay

• In the Kingdom, the Master distributes resources to all His _____

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag (talent), each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money." Matthew 25:14-18

What is a Talent/Talanton?

A Talanton is a measurement or weight equaling 6000 denarii
A denarius was considered to be a "days wage"
6000 denarii = approximately 25 years of wages.
6000 days wage of \$15/hour = approximately one million dollars!

• When the Master returns, there will be an _____ & an _____.

"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

²¹"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²²"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

²³"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²⁴"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸"So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" Matthew 25:19-30

The Lessons of the Parable of the Talents:

1. Slaves are empowered by God & CAN enhance the Master's assets!
2. Sharing fellowship with the Master & being entrusted with more refers to eternity!

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "**Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.** They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

⁶He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷**Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.** Revelation 21:3,6-7

• The 2 Principal Areas of Kingdom Investment:

Takeaways: When the Master returns and asks you for an accounting, what will you say?

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