



*PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
Fall 2024-2025
Lecture Notes
Matthew Lesson 25
April 8, 2025*

LIVING IN LIGHT OF CHRIST'S RETURN

MATTHEW 25-26 PARABLES OF CHRIST'S RETURN

I. _____ for His coming: attentiveness to promised return

*Parable of fig tree 24:32-35
Example of times of Noah 24:36-41
Parable of two servants 24:42-51
Parable of ten virgins 25:1-13*

II. _____ until He comes: conduct until the return

*Parable of two servants 24:42-51
Parable of talents given to slaves 25:14-30
Parable of the sheep and the goats 25:31-46*

**Of Jesus' _____ parables _____ refer to the concept of stewardship of some kind.*

Biblical stewardship is the comprehensive _____ of one's entire _____ under God's authority. From properly caring for creation to wisely allocating finances, from graciously employing spiritual gifts to cherishing time, Scripture consistently portrays believers as _____ who will give an account to their Lord. (Bible Hub)

Stewardship is commonly defined as: The office, duties, and obligations of a steward. The _____, supervising, or managing of something. The careful and responsible management of something _____ to one's care. Simply stated, stewardship is what we _____ to manage something that has been placed under our _____. (What Christians Want to Know)

STEWARDSHIP- remembering that you are simply doing His work while He is away. What you _____ is still _____, what you do with it is the responsibility and _____ you have been given. The _____ for His return to receive what is His is _____ but will soon be done. _____ stewards don't live with the master's return in mind, they just use His _____ for themselves and forget what He desires.

III. Principles of Stewardship: _____ to the master's authority and plan

Colossians 3:17 "Whatever you in word or deed, do _____ in the name of the Lord Jesus giving _____ through Him to God the Father."

Colossians 3:23-24 “Whatever you do, do your work _____ as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you are _____.”

1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a special gift, _____ it in serving one another as good _____ of the manifold grace of God.”

IV. Qualities of God’s steward: accurate representation of the Master’s character

- 1. Faithfulness – Matthew 25:23*
- 2. _____ - Philippians 2:3*
- 3. Servanthood- Matthew 20:28*
- 4. _____ - Mark 8:34*
- 5. Diligence- Matthew 25:26-27*
- 6. Honesty- Colossians 3:9*
- 7. _____ - Colossians 3:12-13*

V. Priorities of God’s steward: actions that maintain the Master’s purpose

- 8. Justice Matthew 23:23*
- 9. _____ Matthew 6:33*
- 10. _____ Ephesians 4:15*
- 11. Love John 13:34-35*
- 12. _____ Matthew 25:19-29*

Considerations:

Am I living in _____ preparation for the return of the Master?

What _____ has God given me to handle for Him until He returns?

What _____ do I need to pursue in my life to accurately display the character of my Master?

What _____ has He called me to take to fulfill His purpose until His return?