



ON A MISSION FROM GOD: Concealing vs. Contributing

Text: Matthew 25:14-46

Introduction: For the past few Sundays we have been focusing on what it means to be on a mission from God. We are each called into ministry, not when we feel compelled to do something, but from the moment we are brought to Christ. We can have confidence that God is with us. We can grow in our commitment towards His will for our lives. But we also need to recognize that each of us are given talents and opportunities that no one else will experience. We are each unique and gifted by the Holy Spirit to participate in the mission of God. Let's study a famous parable together....

Discussion:

- I. The Distribution of the Talents (vs.14-18)
 - A. God Willingly Distributed The Talents
 - B. God Wisely Distributed The Talents

- II. The Dedication of the Servants (vs.19-23)
 - A. Two Servants Were Willing, One Was Lazy
 - B. Two Servants Cared For Their Master, One Despised Him

- III. The Day of Reckoning (vs.24-30)
 - A. The Lord Wants To Bless, But He Has To Curse
 - B. The Lord Wants Us To Rejoice, Not Suffer

- IV. The Duty of a Faithful Servant (vs.31-46)
 - A. Serving God Means Being Compassionate Toward Others
 - B. Serving God Means Casting A Wide Net

Conclusion: What are your talents? What has God required of you? Are you contributing to the work of the Lord or are you concealing your spiritual gifts? How are you serving Him? Are you useful in His earthly kingdom? Have you heard the call of God? What are you doing about it? Are you teaching, preaching, and ministering to those who are lost? Are you on God's side? Are you on a mission for God?

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