

The High Cost Of Doing Nothing

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus often Preached using Parables of Earthly Events with Eternal Implications.

Many Christians want to hear, “Well Done, my good and faithful servant. Enter into the JOY of the Lord.”

HOW can YOU Make Sure those Wonderful Words are in YOUR Future.

1. THREE EXCUSES:

- God has Invested Talents & Abilities in YOU; AND He EXPECTS YOU to USE Them!
- 1. “BUT...God Hasn’t given me ANYTHING to DO.” (1st Excuse)
- YOU were CREATED, SAVED & GIFTED for Ministry! (Eph. 2:10; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Peter 4:10)
- 2. “BUT...I can’t do AS MUCH as So-And-So.” (2nd Excuse)
- Are YOU Faithful with WHAT God has Entrusted to YOU. (v.15)
- 3. “BUT...God is asking TOO MUCH.” (v. 24 & v. 26) (3rd Excuse)
- The servant Dishonestly Blamed the Lord. (v.24)

2. THREE EXPECTATIONS:

1. Jesus Expects Us To MAKE DISCIPLES. (vv. 20 & 22)
 - It’s NOT Enough to be ‘FAITHFUL...Jesus Expects us to be “FRUITFUL.”
2. Jesus Expects us to DO what He ASKS.
 - To MAKE a Disciple...you’ve got to BE a Disciple. (vv. 21 & 23)
3. Jesus Expects Us to SEIZE Our God-Given Opportunities.
 - We need to Be Out There & USING what He’s Given US!

3. THREE PROMISES:

- Christ’s expectations DON’T come Without Rewards for Obedience!
- 1. The JOY of HEARING Jesus say, “Well Done.” (vv. 21, 23)
- 2. The JOY of RULING with Christ. (vv. 21, 23)
- 3. The Invitation of ENTERING Eternally into Christ’s JOY. (vv. 21, 23)
- YOU are BLESSED to INVEST...
- Count the Cost & Commit to being ALL God has Created you to be.