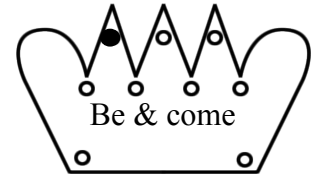


Truly Great When Christ Comes Again

5.7 Good Deeds of Love



Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Proclaim: *Do not be self-centered and slack but instead be God's faithful servant.*

Truth: God has exceedingly great plans for those who love him.
Therefore, we must love God and know His wonderful will,
becoming good and faithful servants of God.



Scripture Reference: Matthew 25: 14-30

Lesson: (1) Do not be slothful or self-seeking – This story is about the Lord God's hope and requirement of His people. The master represents the soon coming Lord Jesus. The man who received one talent resisted the master's command and hid the money in the ground. He represents those workers who are lazy and not responsible. At the time of accounting, the master said to him, "you wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well 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." Consequently, the master rejected this worker and cast him outside into the darkness. The lesson to learn is that one should not be a lazy or self-seeking worker. (Matthew 25:26-30)

(2) Be faithful and diligent – The other two workers lovingly did according to the master's will and worked diligently for him. The lord praised them for being good and faithful workers. Since they were faithful with little things, he put them in charge of many things. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, he helped the needy with deeds of love - even the crippled and the prostitutes who were despised by the society. (Matthew 25:21,23)

(3) Do not compare with others – Although the other two workers performed their duties differently, they received the same affirmations and praise from the master. From this fact, we see that God gives different abilities and has different requirements from each person. Therefore we need not compete with one another, for this is contrary to God's will. Each one should do his best in accordance to his duties.

(4) God will judge all our works – According to the Bible, the Lord Jesus will judge all that we have done when He comes again. "Faith without action is dead." There will be trouble and distress for those who do evil but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good". Let us begin at home, for it is God's will that we love and honor our parents, making them glad. (James 2:17, Romans 2:9-10)

Conclusion: The Bible recorded that the Lord Jesus went throughout the cities and towns doing good and healing those who were sick and spiritually oppressed. God will say to the faithful and diligent: "Well done! You, good and trustworthy servant; you have been faithful." So let us have love and good deeds, beginning at our home.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today's truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus' name