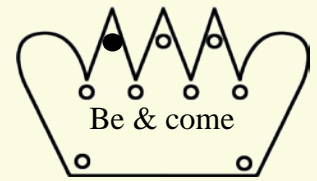


Truly Great When Christ Comes Again



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 servant 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 rejected him and cast him into the darkness, saying "You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed..." We are therefore to learn not to be slothful or self-seeking. (Matthew 25:26-30)*

(2) Be faithful and diligent – *The other two workers did according to the master's will and worked diligently. The lord praised them for being good and faithful workers. As they were faithful with little things, he put them in charge of many things. (Matthew 25:21,23)*

(3) Do not compare with others – *Although the workers who were given 2 and 5 talents performed their duties differently, they received the same rewards and praises from the master. Therefore, we see that God gives different abilities and has different requirement from each person. 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 every one who does good". Let our good deeds begin in the family, for we ought to love and honor our parents, making them glad. (James 2:17, Romans 2:9-10)*

Conclusion: The Bible recorded that Lord went throughout the cities and towns doing good. May we be like Jesus & hear God say to us: "Well done, you, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful in little things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of the master."

<u>You Will Need:</u>	A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS - Lesson Title and Memory Verse. 3 Bags in large, medium and small size
BIBLE STORY NARRATION	Matthew 25:14-30 The master and three types of servant The 3 bags represent 5 talents, 2 talents and 1 talent.
OBJECT LESSON TELL	1. We are all different and thus should not tend to compare with others. 2. We are to be diligent and do our best for GOD (Ask: Which servant in the story did the best? Discuss: Reasons for the answer)
PRAY	1. <u>Call for Salvation prayer</u> – (Refer to Lesson 5:2) 2. Ask of Holy Spirit to fill our lives and enable us to be good & faithful workers, beginning at home & at Church