

**ARE YOU FAITHFUL?
Matthew 25:14-30**

- I. **We should be faithful because God has given us abilities (14-15).**
2 Corinthians 8:3: For I bear witness that according to *their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were* freely willing.
- Proverbs 20:6: Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, **but who can find a faithful man?**
- II. **We should be faithful because God has given us opportunities (16-18).**
1 Corinthians 3:6-8: **I planted, Apollos watered,** but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. **Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.**
- III. **We should be faithful because God has given us a warning (19-27).**
- A. **A warning that we must give an account to God (19-23).**
2 Corinthians 5:10: For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, **according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**
- Hebrews 4:13: And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him **to whom we must give account.**
- B. **A warning that we must not abuse God's grace (24-27).**
2 Corinthians 8:12: For **if there is first a willing mind, it is** accepted according to what one has, **and not according to what he does not have.**
- IV. **We should be faithful because God will give us a reward (28-30).**
1 Corinthians 3:13-14: each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, **he will receive a reward.**
- 2 John 1:8: Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but **that we may receive a full reward.**