

The King's Return
"While it is Day"
Matthew 25:14-30
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Introduction: Remember, the study of the Lord's return has three practical benefits.

- 1) It "cleanses us" (1 John 3:3)
- 2) It "comforts us" (John 14)
- 3) It "compels us" (John 9:4)

*** In another parable Jesus is teaching us the importance of being ready for His return.**

- Its called the "Parable of the Talents"
- The point of the parable is to "keep working until the King returns."
- Watchfulness does not imply idleness.
- Illustration- Jesus said in Luke 19:13- "...occupy till I come..."
- We must be faithfully working until Jesus comes again.

*** The parable:**

- Three servants (two groups)
- One Lord

*** There are five movements in this parable.**

I. The Responsibility They Were Given (v.v. 14-15)

- 1) Interpretation (context)
- 2) Us today

II. The Responses They Had (v.v. 16-18)

*** 3 ways to live your life:**

- 1) Waste your life
- 2) Live your life
- 3) Invest your life

*** The point was not maintaining what was given, but making increase from what was entrusted.**

III. The Reckoning They Faced (v.v. 19-27)

IV. The Reward of the Righteous (v.v. 28-29a)

V. The Retribution on the Wicked (v.v. 29b-30)

* Illustration- The foolish virgins

CONCLUSION

*** Lessons we can take from this Parable of the Talents:**

- 1) Return- Jesus is coming back (v. 19)**
 - a. We don't know when!**
- 2) Reckoning (v. 19)**
 - a. Waste your life**
 - b. Live your life**
 - c. Invest your life**
- 3) Rewards (v. 29a)**
 - a. Do you really believe Jesus is coming?**
 - b. Live, give and work like you do**
- 4) Retribution (v. 30)**
 - a. Unsaved**