

## Invest Long Term part 2

### Matthew 19:13-20:28

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**Matthew 19:23** And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>24</sup> "And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>25</sup> And when the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"

<sup>26</sup> And looking upon *them* Jesus said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

<sup>27</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?"

#### I. Rewards in the regeneration

**Matthew 19:28** And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

#### II. Rewards now

**Matthew 19:29** "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much,

**Mark 10:29** Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,

<sup>30</sup> but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions;

Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:32-37

#### III. Eternal life now and forever

**Matthew 19:30b** and shall inherit eternal life.

<sup>30</sup> "But many *who are* first will be last; and *the* last, first.

Matthew 20:1-16

#### I. Rewards in the regeneration

**Matthew 20:20** Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, bowing down, and making a request of Him.

<sup>21</sup> And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left."

<sup>22</sup> But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to Him, "We are able."

<sup>23</sup> He said to them, "My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father."

#### Rewarded for living righteously under persecution

**Matthew 5:10** "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when *men* cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

<sup>12</sup> "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **Rewarded for loving enemies**

**Matthew 5:43** "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.'

<sup>44</sup> "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you

<sup>45</sup> in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

<sup>46</sup> "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same?"

### **Rewarded for God centered motives**

**Matthew 6:1** "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> "When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

<sup>3</sup> "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing

<sup>4</sup> that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

<sup>5</sup> "And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, in order to be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

<sup>6</sup> "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

### **Rewarded for giving**

**Matthew 6:19** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

<sup>20</sup> "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

<sup>21</sup> for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

### **Rewarded for helping one another**

**Matthew 10:41** "He who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

<sup>42</sup> "And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward."

### **Rewarded for ministry to God's family**

**Matthew 24:45** "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?"

<sup>46</sup> "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

<sup>47</sup> "Truly I say to you, that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

<sup>48</sup> "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,'

<sup>49</sup> and shall begin to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;

<sup>50</sup> the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know,

<sup>51</sup> and shall cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; weeping shall be there and the gnashing of teeth.

### **Rewarded for stewardship**

**Matthew 25:1** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup> "And five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.

<sup>3</sup> "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

<sup>4</sup> but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

<sup>5</sup> "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began* to sleep.

<sup>6</sup> "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.'

<sup>7</sup> "Then all those virgins rose, and trimmed their lamps.

<sup>8</sup> "And the foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

<sup>9</sup> "But the prudent answered, saying, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.'

<sup>10</sup> "And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> "And later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.'

<sup>12</sup> "But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.'

<sup>13</sup> "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

<sup>14</sup> "For *it is* just like a man *about* to go on a journey, who called his own slaves, and entrusted his possessions to them.

<sup>15</sup> "And to one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.

<sup>16</sup> "Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents.

<sup>17</sup> "In the same manner the one who *had received* the two *talents* gained two more.

<sup>18</sup> "But he who received the one *talent* went away and dug in the ground, and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

<sup>20</sup> "And the one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me; see, I have gained five more talents.'

<sup>21</sup> "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>22</sup> "The one also who *had received* the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted to me two talents; see, I have gained two more talents.'

<sup>23</sup> "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>24</sup> "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed.'

<sup>25</sup> 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; see, you have what is yours.'

<sup>26</sup> "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I scattered no seed.'

<sup>27</sup> 'Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest.'

<sup>28</sup> 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'

<sup>29</sup> "For to everyone who has shall *more* be given, and he shall have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

<sup>30</sup> "And cast out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

### Rewarded for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 14:12** And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and repayment come to you.

<sup>13</sup> "But when you give a reception, invite *the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,*

<sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, since they do not have *the means* to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

### Rewarded for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 16:1** Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and this *steward* was reported to him as squandering his possessions.

<sup>2</sup> "And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

<sup>3</sup> "And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.'

<sup>4</sup> 'I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, they will receive me into their homes.'

<sup>5</sup> "And he summoned each one of his master's debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

<sup>6</sup> "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

<sup>7</sup> "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

<sup>8</sup> "And his master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.

<sup>9</sup> "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

<sup>11</sup> "If therefore you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true *riches* to you?

<sup>12</sup> "And if you have not been faithful in *the use of* that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

<sup>13</sup> "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

### **Rewarded for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Luke 19:11** And while they were listening to these things, He went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.

<sup>12</sup> He said therefore, "A certain nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and *then* return.

<sup>13</sup> "And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business *with this* until I come *back*.'

<sup>14</sup> "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

<sup>15</sup> "And it came about that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him in order that he might know what business they had done.

<sup>16</sup> "And the first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.'

<sup>17</sup> "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities.'

<sup>18</sup> "And the second came, saying, 'Your mina, master, has made five minas.'

<sup>19</sup> "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

<sup>20</sup> "And another came, saying, 'Master, behold your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief;

<sup>21</sup> for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down, and reap what you did not sow.'

<sup>22</sup> "He said to him, 'By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow?'

<sup>23</sup> 'Then why did you not put the money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?'

<sup>24</sup> "And he said to the bystanders, 'Take the mina away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.'

<sup>25</sup> "And they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas *already*.'

<sup>26</sup> "I tell you, that to everyone who has shall *more* be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

<sup>27</sup> "But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence."

### **Rewarded for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Corinthians 3:6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.

<sup>7</sup> So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

<sup>8</sup> Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

<sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it.

<sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup> Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

<sup>13</sup> each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

<sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward.

<sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

**Rewarded for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Romans 14:10** But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.

<sup>11</sup> For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God."

<sup>12</sup> So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this-- not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

**Rewarded for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Corinthians 9:16** For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

<sup>17</sup> For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

<sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more.

**Rewarded for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2 Corinthians 5:8** we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**Rewarded for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ephesians 6:5** Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

<sup>6</sup> not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

<sup>7</sup> With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

<sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

**The Regeneration: Revelation 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

<sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

## **The Great White Throne Judgment**

**Revelation 20:11** And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

<sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

<sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds.

<sup>14</sup> And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

<sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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