

Working While Waiting

Matthew 25:14-30

Would you be happy? Be about your Father's business. Oh! it is sweet employment to serve your Father. You need not turn aside from the way of business to do that. If your heart be right, you can serve God in weighing a pound of tea as much as in preaching a sermon.

- Charles Spurgeon

I. The Picture

II. The Point

Into the Bible:

1. The emphasis of this parable is on faithful service in the temporary absence of the master. That we are called to work in Christ's kingdom in the here and now is made clear in the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 6:19-24 What do the following verses tell us about the nature of our service? (Ephesians 2:10, I Corinthians 4:2, Psalm 90:17)

Application:

2. In the parable the rewards received by the servants were not earned but given graciously by a master who certainly does not fit the characterization given him by the wicked servant. If it is not to obtain a reward, what should our motivation for service be? (Hebrews 6:10, John 14:15 & 21, I Samuel 12:24)

3. What attitudes should characterize our service for our Master according to Scripture? (Colossians 3:23-24, Psalm 100:2, I Corinthians 15:58)

For Families:

4. Talk with your children about what a life of service looks like.