

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

November 11, 2018

Be Ready, Responsible, and Reliable

In **Matthew 25**, Jesus pitches three straight-shooting stories.

1. Be Ready

A story about ten bridesmaids (vv. 1–13).

Five were judged wise because they were prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom to begin the wedding banquet and five judged foolish because they weren't.

It's that simple: we are ready for the Lord's return or we're not.

"Always be ready," he said, because two things are certain: 1) "You don't know the day your Lord will come," and 2) He "will come at a time you don't expect him" (Mt 24:42, 44).

"Unprepared!" is an appalling ending.

2. Be Responsible

A story about three men and the use of their talents (vv. 14–30).

The owner gave resources to each; went away and left the use of those assets up to them; then returned and pronounced his verdict on their performance.

He gave to “each according to their ability.” No one was required to perform at the level of another’s ability; only to the best of their own. The two-talent servant was not required to produce at the level of the five-talent servant—but he was expected to produce, and he did. The one-talent servant was not required to produce at the level of the two-talent servant—but he was expected to produce, and he didn’t.

The five- and two-talent servants delivered a one hundred percent return on their master’s investment. The one-talent servant produced nothing. He returned what he had received, nothing more. He had done no harm; neither had he done any good. The master’s verdict for the five and two-talent servants was, “good and faithful.” His verdict for the one-talent servant was, “wicked and lazy.”

Each of us has our given share of abilities, a trust to be used, and a responsibility to be acknowledged: “Master, you entrusted me with five talents . . . I have gained five more;” “Master, you entrusted me with two talents . . . I have gained two more;” “Master, you are a hard man . . . I hid your talent.”

The master entrusted talents to his servants in verses 14-18; then went away. He returned for an accounting in verse 19. You and I are presently living between verses 18 and 19.

The talent we’ve been given is a coin with two sides: on one side is written “endowment;” on the other side “responsibility.” Our master has gone away. He will be back. His verdict will be, “good and faithful” or “wicked and lazy.”

3. Be Reliable

A story about judgment day (vv. 31–46).

Our service to Jesus is judged by how we treat his little brothers and sisters. When we see their need and fill it, he says, “You did it to me.” His ruling?—“Take your inheritance—the kingdom reserved for you.”

When we ignore their need, he says, “You did not do it to me.” His ruling?—“Depart from me.” Like the five foolish bridesmaids and the wicked and lazy servant, they were not condemned for doing something bad, but for failing to do something good—

turning a blind eye to those in need. It wasn't what they did but what they didn't do that doomed them.

We won't be judged by the knowledge we have acquired, the fame we have achieved, or the fortune we have amassed, but by the help we have given.

We are free to live our life as we choose. But at the end, we must give an account to the One who entrusted us with life.

— Joe Barnett

Who Moved?

Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

Isaiah 59:1-2

An old married couple rode down the road. He driving and she over by the passenger window. She commented, "Remember when we dated? We sat so close together in the car seat that you couldn't put a piece of paper between us? What happened to us?: The husband look down at the steering wheel and said, "Well, I'm still in the same place" "Who moved?" When we wonder why we are out of contact with God and He seems so far away, remember He didn't move, we did. Let's come on back.

— David Grubb

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing: Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Microwave popcorn, Little Debbie treats, preferably brownies, fudge rounds, oatmeal pies, Gummy Bears, Jolly Rancher candy

Birthday : Mary Smith **November 14**

Reading : **I Corinthians 2: 6-16 ; James 3: 13-18**

NEXT WEEK : (November 18, 2018)

Song Leader : Delmar

Scripture Reader : J.J.

Table & Announcements : Jonathan

Prayer list :

Larry Bates : The 86 yr old stepfather of Rosanne has had a stroke. At this writing he is in Carle Hosp. in Champaign.

Bill & Cecilia Livesay : Bill is a member at Lakeside. He was scheduled for a kidney transplant on Tuesday, but they found a blood clot and postponed it until at least February.

Debbie Adams : The recovery of Terry Perry's sister after her recent cancer surgery is going well so keep praying.

Mike Nichols : Is now doing his Physical therapy at home, but is disappointed in the slowness of his progress.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Marge, Betty, Pete & Hazel,

Others with ongoing issues :

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease

John Cutillo : Major improvement after only 2 chemo infusion.

Debra Robinson : problematic chemo after breast cancer

Delaney West: Monitoring fragment of tumor left after surgery

Robin Shumard : Due to neurological issues which are secondary to diabetes, Robin is confined to a wheelchair.

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Wayne : Ongoing issues related to stroke recovery

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law ..awaiting test result

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend is suffering from kidney failure due to diabetes. Stabilized, but remains an ongoing problem.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders**

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



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