

LUKE 19:11-26

In the parable there is a settling of accounts, an expectation that when the master is away, servants grow what was invested in them. What are we doing with our lives while we wait for the King to arrive and settle his account with us? What has the Lord invested in us? Love, whole life discipleship. Our identity is a servant and our purpose is devotion, both to Him, to each other, and those on our frontlines.

Jesus is not opposed to effort, he is opposed to us trying to earn his love. There is a cost to following Jesus, but look at the rewards. It's worth more the discomfort of doing the right thing in the face of temptation, the ridicule we might face, or keeping our mouths closed for the sake of keeping the peace.

All Christians must make the most of their lives to the utmost of their God-given powers. If our faith is just an add on to our lives, easily dropped when life gets busy, we will truly be in danger of being that worthless, wicked servant who did nothing. If we let His love and life to become part of every aspect of our lives, to let him permeate us and infuse us with life, we will be faithful servants, devoted and fruitful.



01 — Investments

The servants had the responsibility to invest, and each responded differently. What gifts do you think God has invested into you?



02 — Effort vs earning

Earning God's love isn't what He wants - but He also doesn't want us to be lazy in using our gifts. Can you think of an example in your life when effort could have become earning God's favour?



03 — There is a cost

Being a Christian has a cost, wherever we live in the world. What cost have you paid? What costs do other Christians around the world pay?



04 — Practising what (Andy) preaches

If faith is just an add on, abandoned when life is busy, we all lose out on the gifts God has placed in us. How do we ensure that our faith is enmeshed in our lives?

