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God's Return on His Investment

Session 4



Expect a return

What we need to know to be profitable

Matthew 25:14-23

- Each servant *recognized* the master.
- They all received something from the master.
- They knew exactly what the master gave them.
- They knew their amounts were different.
- They all were given time for action.
- They all had to answer and give a report.

What we need to avoid to be profitable

- A misconception of God's character

This servant did not truly know His master's heart. His view of his master was someone who was a hard, and uncompassionate figure. Which was a distortion of God's actual character, which is generous and merciful.

- Fear of failure

The servant's fear of losing the money led him to bury it, but this fear was rooted in his misunderstanding of the Master's true nature and his own role as a steward.

Genesis 3:8-10

What we need to avoid to be profitable

- Hiding

Hiding from your responsibilities as a servant will profit you nothing. Being ready for Jesus return involves being active, responsible, and obedient. It means pleasing God by doing good works that produce fruit.

- Settling for less

The man knows he didn't do what the master really wanted him to do but hopes he will be safe in the fact that, although he didn't make any increase, he also didn't lose any of the money.

Many people (I mean professing Christians) will meet God on the final day and will use the same defense.

What we need to avoid to be profitable

- Faithlessness

The third servant was condemned not for receiving only one talent, but for doing nothing with it, demonstrating a lack of faithfulness and ultimately being punished.

James 2:14-18

HOMEWORK

Define the word "sluggard"

And provide scripture reference.