Matthew 25:14-27 **God's Laws for Life** Week 3

What is a Faithful Christian?

God's Faithfulness:

"Faithful is He who calls you, and He will also bring it to pass." - 1 Thessalonians 5:24

- 1. God has a positive attitude toward you.
- 2. God has the ability to make us productive.

Characteristics of a Faithful Christ-Follower

A Faithful Christian is:

1. Someone whom the Lord trusts with His possessions.

"Again, it (the Kingdom of God) will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them." - Matthew 25:14

2. Someone who accepts God's gifts with the right attitude.

"To one he gave **five** talents of money, to another **two** talents, and to another **one** talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey."

- Matthew 25:15

3. Someone who is willing to <u>try!</u>

"The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money."

- Matthew 25:16-18

4. Someone who uses his gifts because he knows it's right.

"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them."

- Matthew 25:19

5. Someone who is <u>effective</u> in reproducing <u>fruit</u>.

"The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, **I have gained five more**."

- Matthew 25:20

6. Someone who understands the desires of the master.

²⁴ "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest." - Matthew 25:24-27

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