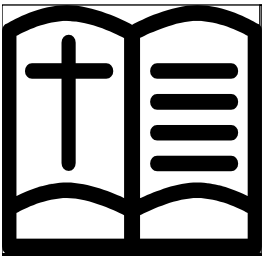


“PREPARING FOR HIS RETURN”

MATTHEW 25:14-30; SUPPORT SCRIPTURE

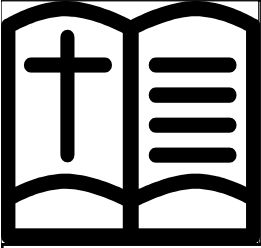
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- II. *BASICS ON THE PARABLE ON GOOD STEWARDSHIP*
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 - C. *There is an unspoken expectation that these servants will use these goods for his profit*
 - D. *He comes back to settle his accounts and rewards each according to his rule of reward*
 - E. *A brief account is given of his method of reward*
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 3. Let Christ consume your thinking (abide in Christ); Let His words inform your thinking, your conscience, your will, your pleasure; pray
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 5. Fruit happens!
- D. Be diligent to get it done; first step is the big one, the others follow!
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- F. Don’t do it to be seen by men; do it to please the Lord
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- H. Pray without ceasing

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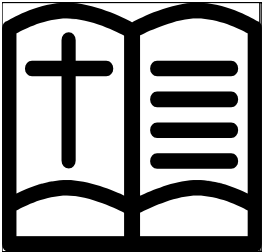
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