

“Carpe Diem”

What will You Gain in 2007?

Luke 19:11-27

Believers are called to Action with :

I. Resources - “pounds” (verses 11-13)

We will be held accountable for our :

A. Time - “till I come”

- *Opportunities during our time*
- *How we traded our time.*

B. Talent - “how much every man”

- *Speaks of abilities*
 - *Physical talent*
 - *Spiritual gifts*
 - *Maturity*

➤ *Speaks of Resources Given*

- *Money*
- *Historical Setting*
- *Geographical Setting*
- *“Because You Can...”*

C. Treasure - “gained”

Trading in verse 15 means to gain by trading

II. Responsibility - “Occupy till”(verses 14-23)

We are called to:

A. Serve - “these servants”

B. Submit - “to reign over us”

C. Sow - “trading”

III. Rewards - “I judge thee” (verses 24-27)

We will be given :

A. Praise - “Well done”

B. Pounds - “Take from him the pound”

- *The fact that the unfaithful or wicked servant believed the master was not good, tells us that he would not have voted to have him reign over him*

C. Power - “authority over”

One big God and one big Heaven ???

Two groups of people:

- 1. Those who claim to want Jesus as King*
- 2. Those who hate Jesus and refuse His reign.*

This Text takes place:

- *about a week before Jesus crucifixion.*
- *In a time following Archelaus (Herod the Great's son) return to Rome to ask for authority to rule Palestine. (according to Josephus)*
- *Jesus prepares the disciples to serve until the millennium (they will not reign with Him yet, first they will serve Him)*

A. Translation of the phrase

Carpe diem has some nuances beyond the usual translation "seize the day." Definitions of carpo include *pluck, pull off, gather, snatch*, even in some contexts, *make a journey*. Here it means something like *enjoy*. The idea, then, would be to get everything you can from *right now*, because you cannot trust that you will have future opportunities. You must not count on tomorrow and take full advantage of today. Another possible translation links the verb *carpire* to a certain meaning of *harvesting a field*, therefore giving the phrase a sort of "work out the maximum of a single day" meaning.

Pharisees' hostility thus far (cf. [5:17](#); [30-33](#); [6:2, 7](#); [7:39](#); [11:37-54](#); [15:2](#); [16:14](#)).