

God's Servants — Good Stewards

Matthew 25:14–30

- I. The Requirements of Good Stewards
- II. The Responsibility of a Good Steward
- III. The Reward of a Good Steward

1. There is a Reckoning Day

*Matthew 25:19 Hebrews 2:3 2 Corinthians 5:10
Romans 14:10–12 Revelation 20:11–15*

2. The Lord Recognises the Good Steward

Matthew 25:21, 23

3. The Lord Rewards the Good Steward

These rewards are mentioned as crowns.

- a. The Incorruptible Crown

— for Faithfulness in Exercising Self-Control. *1 Corinthians 9:24–27*

- b. The Crown of Glory

— for Faithfulness in Stewardship. *1 Peter 5:4*

- c. The Crown of Life

— for Faithfulness in Temptation. *James 1:12*

- d. The Crown of Righteousness

— for Loving His Appearing. *2 Timothy 4:8*

— for Being Faithful in the Fight

- e. The Crown of Rejoicing

— for Faithful Service *1 Thessalonians 2:19 Philippians 4:1*

— for Soul Winning *Daniel 12:3 Proverbs 11:30b*

IV. The Rejection of the Sorry Stewards

1. The Lord Rejected Him *Matthew 25:25–27*

2. The Lord Stripped Him of His Talent *2 John :8*

3. The Lord Rejected Him as Unprofitable *Matthew 25:29–30*

The King's Resurrection

SECTION 1: The Great Consolation for His Servants

Matthew 28:1–10

- I. The Attendance at the Tomb (*v:1*)
- II. The Angel at the Tomb (*v:2–8*)
- III. The Appearing Near the Tomb (*v:9–10*)

SECTION 2: The Great Cover-up by the Sanhedrin

Matthew 28:11–15

- I. The Soldiers Report (*v:11*)
- II. The Sanhedrin's Bribe (*v:12*)
- III. The Scandalous Lie (*v:13*)
- IV. Their Security Assured (*v:14*)
- V. The Sayings Reported (*v:15*)

SECTION 3: The Great Commission to the Saints

Matthew 28:16–20

- I. The Mountain Rendezvous (*v:16*)
- II. The Mixed Reaction (*v:17*)
- III. The Mandate Revealed (*v:18–20*)

The Christian and His Battles *Ephesians 6:10–20*

A. Describing the Enemy *(Ephesians 6:10–17)*

B. Defeating the Enemy *(Ephesians 6:18–20)*

1. Warring *(v:18a–18c)*

2. Watching *(v:18d)*

3. Witnessing *(v:19–20)*

a. *Pray for a Brother's Boldness in Sharing the Gospel (v:19)*

1. *Prayer Shortens Distances*

2. *Prayer Suppresses Dread*

3. *Prayer Shatters Difficulty*

b. *Pray for a Brother's Bonds for Sharing the Gospel (v:20)*