

Sermon Outline
April 13, 2008

"The Trust Test"

Matthew 25:14-30

Highlights of last week's sermon:

- Belief must be accompanied by actions or it is just belief and even the demons believe and shudder.
- If you can see what others can't see – you can get what others can't get.
- Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Luke 16:11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

1. The ACCOUNTABILITY of the servants

Matthew 25:19 After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:14 Again, it will be like a man going on a journey who called his servants and entrusted property to them.

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth....

Matthew 6:24c ...you cannot serve both God and Money.

Exodus 19:5c Although the whole earth is mine.

2. The ASSESSMENT of the servants

Matthew 25:24b "master" he said "I knew you were a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

3. The ACTIONS of the servants

TWO LESSONS

- a. You and I are expected to use our resources wisely.
- b. Trust must be earned.

Luke 16:10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Matthew 25:28 Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten.