

A Faithful Servant

- Opening Scripture: II Peter 3:14
 - “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”
 - our daily walk with Christ requires diligence
 - our ultimate desire is to be called a faithful servant when we leave this world
- Proverbs 4:23
 - “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”
 - guarding our heart is a part of spiritual maintenance
 - diligent, regular, and consistent spiritual maintenance is necessary in our Christian walk
 - if we get slack, problems will start to creep into our experience
 - we are no more spiritual than what is within us
- Song of Solomon 2:15
 - “Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.”
 - “little foxes” can get in and “spoil” our experience if we don’t look out for them
 - even the seemingly insignificant things are important
 - God is concerned with the details
- Proverbs 22:29
 - “Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.”
 - God is also concerned with the way we handle our natural affairs
 - faithfulness will bring favor
- I John 2:3-6
 - “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”
 - faithfulness requires that we keep God’s commandments
 - Can God depend on me to obey Him consistently?
- Matthew 25:19-21
 - “After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant:

thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things:
enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

- this is the goal of every Christian
- nothing else will matter at this point
- we must live accordingly in order for God to call us a “good and faithful servant”
- What would God have to say about me?