Devotion Info
Eternal Rewards

DAY 1 Read Matthew 25:21

The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' Matthew 25:21 NLT

- How does the possibility of God rewarding you for your life of service make you feel? Does it encourage you? Motivate you? Or does it discourage you? Why does it make you feel this way?

DAY 2 Read Luke 19:16-26

The first servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!' "'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.'

"The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.' "'Well done!' the king said. 'You will be governor over five cities.'

"But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, 'Master, I hid your money and kept it safe. I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours and harvesting crops you didn't plant.' "'You wicked servant!' the king roared. 'Your own words condemn you. If you knew that I'm a hard man who takes what isn't mine and harvests crops I didn't plant, why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

"Then, turning to the others standing nearby, the king ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.' "'But, master,' they said, 'he already has ten pounds!' "'Yes,' the king replied, 'and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Luke 19:16-26 NLT

The first two servants did great work with their gifts and their master celebrated with them, but the third servant let fear cost him his rewards.

- Thinking about how excited the master in these verses was to reward his servants, how much more excited do you think God will be to reward us?

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DAY 3 Read Matthew 6:19-21

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Matthew 6:19-21 NLT

- What does it mean to lay up treasures in heaven? Can you think of concrete examples of how you can do that?

DAY 4 Read Revelation 2:7, Rev 2:17 & Rev 3:4

"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God." Revelation 2:7 NLT

"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it. Revelation 2:17 NLT

"Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. Revelation 3:4 NLT

Notice the different rewards in these verses.

- Do you find special privileges, such as special clothing or foods like manna and the fruit of the tree of life, motivating? Why or why not?

DAY 5 Read 2 Timothy 2:15

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 NLT

All of us, regardless of our pasts, have opportunity to be good workers who don't need to be ashamed when we present ourselves to God.
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