

What COULD Be Written About You?

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Thread: What could be written about you in the most difficult times?

“... but don’t panic... But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.”

Matthew 24:6,13-14 NLT

Ten Bridesmaids

We see over time: *“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.”* **Matthew 25:1-5 NLT**

Wise PREPARATION for the duration of the long night

Parable of the Three Servants

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.”

Jesus is describing the OPPORTUNITY He gives to each person to make an impact.

God gives you and me something valuable from His treasury.

- You have been given _____.

NEW LIFE = Freedom to live the kingdom of God here.

- You have been given the _____ (*Bible*) surrounded by half-truths and deceptions.
- You have been _____ to share that truth with many others.

The PARABLE:

- _____ today for a reward tomorrow.
- Assumes _____.
- _____ taken seriously.

- The _____ at our disposal are TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES.
- God is generous in His _____
 - In a Word, _____.

- **We can meet the moments of opportunity with FAITH or FEAR.**
- **There won’t be an equal amount given, but there will be an equal _____.**

“But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever...?’ And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’” **Matthew 25:31-37,40 NLT**

First, Jesus _____. *“...but don’t panic.”* **Matthew 24:6 NLT**

“Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world. The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is here among us;...” **Psalms 46:10-11 NLT**

When I see the confusions and injustices in our world, on what do I focus my EFFORTS?

- **Certainly, right a wrong, if it’s in your lawful power to do so.**
- **Also, mainly be about the work of the _____.**

Challenge:

- Does something in you need to shift from FAD to FAITHFUL?
- Am I prepared to remain faithful until He arrives?
- Am I meeting the opportunities with FAITH or FEAR?
- In the most difficult times where are my efforts?