

## **RESPONSIBILITY and accountability**

**Romans 14:12** “So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”

**First Corinthians 3:12-15** “12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

**Matthew 25:29** “For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.”

the Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30) where each one of us is given talents. These include **time, treasure, and talents** (or gifts or skills). The Lord expects us to use these talents for His glory. If we do not use what we have been given, then what we do have will be taken from us (v. 28a) but if we have used what God has given us for His glory then more will be given to us at His return (v. 28b) so the question will be are we a “wicked and lazy servant” or will Jesus say to you and me “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord” (Matt 25:23)? The answer is up to you and me.

**Luke 16:10-12** “He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?”

**James 4:17** “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”