

Parables of Jesus – Unprofitable Servants
AM Service Luke 17:7-10 Sept. 25, 2016

Introduction

The Big Idea – The life of faith will demonstrate forgiveness, faithfulness, thankfulness, and preparedness.

Four Functions of Faith

1. Forgiveness

a. It is a serious thing to tempt or cause someone else to sin.

“offenses”

“these little ones”

b. What if someone sins against me?

1. Give private rebuke, encourage repentance, and extend forgiveness.
2. Be in the habit of forgiveness.

Warren Wiersbe “Forgiveness should be a habit, not a battle.”

c. Forgiveness comes from faith.

Does your life look like this?

“He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.” George Herbert

2. Faithfulness - Parables of Jesus - Unprofitable Servants

Quid pro quo

“If you give because it pays, *it won't pay.*” R.G. LeTourneau

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3. Thankfulness

a. The Need

b. The Miracle

c. The Thankful One

d. The Question

Does your life look like this?

“Every child of God should cultivate the grace of gratitude. It not only opens the heart to further blessings but glorifies and pleases the Father. An unthankful heart is fertile soil for all kinds of sin.”
The Bible Exposition Commentary

4. Preparedness

- a. Jesus cautions us not to devote our time to spying on the future and trying to second-guess God.
- b. The important thing is not to chart the future but to be ready for His coming at any time.
- c. The world has little concern for the warnings God sends.
- d. Jesus pictured civilization as a “rotting corpse” that would one day be ripe for judgment.

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How about you?

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- 1. Are you an habitual forgiver?**
- 2. Are you faithfully serving the Lord out of love without any expectation that He owes you something?**
- 3. Do you live a life of gratitude?**
- 4. Are you prepared for the Lord's return?**

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery