

WELL DONE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:19-26

Introduction:

1. E.g. –Goal settings we have in this life
2. Our greatest goal in life is to hear the words, “Well done thou good and faithful servant.”
3. We can achieve this goal by...

I. USING OUR TALENTS –Mt 25:14-30

A. WE IDENTIFY OUR TALENTS

1. Everyone has been given a measure of talent –Ep 4:11, 12
2. The universal talent; love -1Co 13:1-13

B. WE USE OUR TALENTS FOR THE LORD

1. Many talents are easy to find the place of service
2. All talents can be used for God
 - a. E.g. –Crafts, hunting all puts us in contact with those of like interest (let your light shine before them)
 - b. Opportunities –Come our way more often than we realize; use them. –1Co 16:9; Co 4:2-4

II. FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT -2Ti 4:6-8

A. FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT INTERNALLY

1. There is the battle for the mind
 - a. We are led away by desire –Ja 1:13-16
 - b. We therefore must think on good things –Ph 4:8
2. We must hold onto our faith throughout trying times

B. FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT EXTERNALLY

1. This begins with a love for lost souls –Mt 9:35-38
2. We greatly desire them to be saved –Jude 22, 23; Ja 5:19, 20

III. ENDURE TEMPTATION –Ja 1:12

A. DEAD TO SIN

1. Repentance involves a turning around in one’s life, but it is also more...
2. True repentance is death to sin –Ro 6:2; Co 3:5-11

B. ALIVE UNTO GOD

1. The crown of life is for those who love God
2. Loving God necessitates obedience –Jn 14:15; 1Jn 2:4, 5:3

Conclusion:

1. None of the above points will do a soul any good if their name is not found in the book of life –Re 21:27
2. If one is to be found in the Book of Life, he/she must obey the gospel
 - a. The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus -1Co 15:1-4
 - b. To obey is to be baptized into Christ –Ro 6:3, 4