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*Worship Schedule*

**Sunday**

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

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**Are You a Christian?**

**Do you know what you must  
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17  
Believe – John 8:24  
Repent – Acts 17:30  
Confess – Romans 10:9-10  
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21  
Live Faithfully –  
Revelation 2:10

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**Got a Bible Question?**

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

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*The Park Street Informer*

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**ILL**

Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook, Drew Shinn and Kim Vongprachanh

**Prayer List**

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Tom Thrasher, Robert Hook, Sandra and George Rowell, Tina Thomas, Millie Robertson and Jill Fick.

**Shut-Ins**

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

**Upcoming Events**

Ladies Bible Marking – Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> (Topic: The Tongue)

Ladies Bible Study – Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Men’s Meeting – Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

**Birthdays**

John Carter 7<sup>th</sup>

Hazel Carter 9<sup>th</sup>

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**Passage to Ponder: Hebrews 12:1**

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

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**Sunday Sermons**

A.M.....Let Us Lay Aside and Let Us Run

P.M.....The Rich Verses the Poor

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# **Those To Serve**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## **Morning Worship**

### **Announcements**

George Thomas

### **Song Leader**

George Thomas

### **Opening Prayer**

Zac Hall

### **Preside**

Ed Hanson

### **Assist**

Steve Phillips

### **Closing Prayer**

Steve Phillips

## **Evening Worship**

### **Opening Prayer**

Ed Hanson

### **Closing Prayer**

Steve Phillips

### **Lord's Supper**

George Thomas

**Wed. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **Song Leader**

Ed Hanson

### **Invitation**

Zac Hall

## **The Parable of the Talents**

Brendan Carr

Within the Scriptures there are several warnings given to Christians. Warnings against falling back into sin (Hebrews 4:11), warnings against false teachers (2 Peter 2:1-2), warnings against false brethren (Galatians 2:4), and such like. Amongst this multiplicity of warnings are some concerning the day of judgment and what that means to Christians. In Matthew 25:14-30 there is the parable of the servants and the talents. What is it that we can learn from this parable?

The first thing that we can learn of this parable, is that this is concerning the church. Matthew 25:14 says, "For the kingdom of heaven is a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods." The "kingdom of heaven" is the church because Jesus uses the terms interchangeably in Matthew 16:16-19. As we apply the knowledge that Jesus is speaking of the church we come to the understanding that Jesus is talking of the time between His ascension and His second coming. It is as if he is "traveling into a far country." Before He ascends into Heaven, He has bestowed responsibility to every man and what that man is able to do (Matthew 25:15). Talents is a form of currency that was used in Jesus' day and they were a big sum of money. Remember that every man received that which he could handle and not one person was neither neglected nor left out. Then the man left for his travels to the far country. It is important that every man here had a responsibility given unto him just as all Christians have a responsibility given unto them. In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Paul describes the church as a body and that body has many members but they are still one. Each member has that which they can do and for one member to neglect that part of the Lord's work is to neglect God Himself. We must do that which God has given us to do.

While the man was away, two out of the three servants went and used that which they were given and had even made double that they were given (Matthew 25:16-17). However, the man that was given one talent went "and hid his lord's money (Matthew 25:18)." Then came the master back to settle the accounts that he had given out and unto the first 2 they given a reward for their faithfulness (Matthew 25:20-23). Notice the praise given to both, "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord (Matthew 25:22)." Their praise from the master came not necessarily from the capital in which they had gained but rather from their faithfulness over their responsibilities. How wonderful the day will be when the Lord shall return and reward the faithful for their faithfulness! We must make the distinction that their reward is not because of the works that they have done. Remember, there are those in the world that absolutely reject the fact that Christians are to be workers (Ephesians 2:10). Christians are not workers so that they can be recognized for their merit, but they are workers because they love God and want to

do His will (John 14:15). Included in that will is good works, namely: evangelism, edification, and benevolence (Ephesians 4:11-12). For their faithfulness, the Lord will reward the faithful Christians.

With the one talent man, he went and hid his lord's money and now he must stand before his lord. Notice what this man said, "Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine (Matthew 25:23-24)." The one talent man was afraid because he knew that his Lord was a hard man in judgment. This man let his fear get the best of him and because of such he is called a "wicked and slothful servant (Matthew 25:26)." As Christians, we ought not let fear get in the way of our faithfulness. Fear is the greatest weapon of Satan, but we have no need to have fear for we are told "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me (Hebrews 13:6)." In Revelation 21:8, there is a list of some that will be in the second death and amongst that bunch is the cowardly. We must not let fear come between us and our faithfulness to God.

Remember, that the difference is not because the first two servants doubled that which they were given but because they were faithful to their master. The wicked and slothful servant was called such because he allowed fear to come between him and his faithful actions. Let us learn from this parable that we must make sure we are taking that which the Lord has given unto us and using it for His work. If we are not, then we too will be called wicked and slothful. Which servant are you?