

**“Seven Points to Ponder”
Matthew 25**

- I. **Possession** — Each of the men are given talents. They do not own them, but they possess them. God is fair in His distribution, though He is not equal.
- II. **Profit** — The master expects a profit. God wants more than profit. He wants a partner (Genesis 12:2)
- III. **Praise** — We gather each Sunday to “Praise” Him, but He also wants to praise you. (Zephaniah 3:17)
- IV. **Promotion** — We serve a God who rewards our faithful service by giving us more responsibility.
- V. **Placement** — We do not just have joy, we enter into joy.
- VI. **Problem** — Having a talent is not enough.
- VII. **Punishment** — The servant who does nothing is called “wicked”, because the sin of omission is as bad as the sin of commission.

**“Increase”
Matthew 25**

- I. **The Work** — Work is not the result of sin. Struggle in work is the result of sin. We are called to work, to make an effort for the King.
- II. **The Wages** — Approval. More responsibility. Joy. (Hebrews 12:2)
- III. **The Warning** — You cannot bury your opportunity and expect to be blessed. You are going to have to take a risk for the Lord.