

## Sermon: Commitment and Service

Matthew 25:14-18

Matthew 25:19-30

Matthew 6:19-24

If you believe that you truly love Jesus, can you please put up your hand?

What is the ultimate proof of true love?

- Attention and Devotion
- Commitment and Service

Why should we serve God?

- Because we belong to Him
- He made us, saved us & sustains us.
- We are saved to serve
- Every true believer is called to serve!

What are your talents or gifts?

- Everything you have received from God (time, skills and money)
- Life is a gift, the greatest gift!
- Any gift from God is an assignment
- Your talents and gifts are assigned to fulfil a godly and Kingdom purpose
- Michael Jackson succeeded in his gift but failed in his assignment!

How can you serve God with your time?

- Be actively involved in the church (regular attendance, punctuality, organising, helping, hospitality, evangelising, praying)
- Using your time to serve God is an important definition of true worship.
- **Matthew 6:19-21**
- Find something to do in the church.
- It is sinful not to use your time and skills to serve the Lord!
- If you're too busy for God, there is something you love more than Him.
- The devil's plan is to keep you busy expending your soul on things with little or no eternal value: resist him!

How can you serve God with your money?

- Tithing (10% of your income). Your tithe is God's money. It is your minimum voluntary contribution to the advancement of the Kingdom.
- Generous giving (voluntary offerings given in addition to the minimum 10%)
- Giving to people in need and charity
- Using your money to serve God is a good definition of true worship.
- **Matthew 6:24**

- Tithing is an act of faith and obedience, that comes with a reward of divine prosperity.

### #DivineProsperity

Divine prosperity is having more than enough to meet your needs and to bless others. Divine prosperity is not just acquiring riches by any/all means. No!

It is having abundance combined with spiritual, mental, emotional and physical wellbeing and fruitfulness. It is the type of prosperity that does not compromise your relationship with God or your fruitfulness for the kingdom. It is the type of blessing that is only achievable by a life of faith and obedience to God in giving generously of your time, skills and money to know, love and serve Him.

Why do people refuse to serve God with their time, skills and money?

- Unbelief (and wrong believing)
- Pride (and stubbornness)
- Selfishness (and Selfish ambition)
- Laziness ( and procrastination)
- Covetousness (and the love of money)

What are the benefits of serving God with your time, skills and money?

- Spiritual growth and maturity
- Overflow of divine blessings
- Advancement of the kingdom
- Salvation of souls

What will happen to those who refuse to serve God with their time, skills and money?

- Spiritual regression
- Oppression
- Depression
- Spiritual death