

IMAGINE HEAVEN

WHAT MATTERS NOW?

BEN SNYDER | JAN 27 & 28

MEMORY VERSE Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, **set your sights** on the realities of **heaven**, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ² **Think about** the things of **heaven**, not the things of earth. **COLOSSIANS 3:1-2** (NLT)

MATTHEW 25:14-21, 24-27 "Again, the **Kingdom of Heaven** can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and **entrusted his money** to them while he was gone. ¹⁵ He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last — dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

¹⁶ "The servant who **received** the five bags of silver began to invest the money and **earned** five more.

¹⁷ The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.

¹⁹ "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to **give an account** of how they had used his money. ²⁰ The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, '**Master**, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.'

²¹ "The master was **full of praise**. '**Well done**, my good and faithful servant. You have been **faithful** in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's **celebrate** together!'

²⁴ "Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. ²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I **hid it in the earth**. Look, here is your money back.'

²⁶ "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! **If you knew** I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, ²⁷ why didn't you deposit **my money** in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

WHAT MATTERS NOW? AM I USING WHAT GOD HAS

_____ TO MAKE AN _____ ?

DO I _____ THE MASTER? (John 17:3)

AM I _____ ABOUT WHAT EXCITES HIM? (Matthew 22:36-40; 28:19-20)

AM I _____ WHAT HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO ME?

(Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12:7)

AM I _____ IN HELPING OTHERS TAKE THEIR NEXT STEP?

(James 2:14-20; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 6:19)

LIVING
IT OUT

Want to go
DEEPER?

Download the CedarCreek app or subscribe to livingitout.tv and enrich your faith everyday. For discussion questions go to the CedarCreek app. Click on current sermon notes.