

## *The Expectation of Productivity*

Within every culture, country or kingdom  
there are \_\_\_\_\_ of their citizens.

### **The Contrast of Two Worlds:**

Last Week: The World *desires* it's own way.  
The World *assumes* it answers to no one.

Those of the Kingdom of God know we answer to God!  
Answering for our obedience and  
being \_\_\_\_\_ with what we have been given.

### **Details to Clarify:** *(Teaching)*

#### **Two Different Stories**

The "Talents" (*Matt. 25:14-30*) was about 3 people  
given \_\_\_\_\_ amounts. // Talent = skills—abilities

The "Minas" (*Luke 19:11-27*) was about 10 people  
given the \_\_\_\_\_ amount. // Mina = the good news

#### **Two Types of People** *in the Luke story*

Subjects: *people who live there* and Servants: *believers*

#### **Two Examples in their Background**

*Those who had gone to the Emperor to be appointed King.*

Herod in 40 B.C. Archelaus 4 B.C.

Israel didn't like anyone who would agree with Rome.

There were those following who were expecting Jesus to go to  
Jerusalem and become \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Questions to Answer:** *(Preaching)*

What's the gift we've been given?  
\_\_\_\_\_ through forgiveness

*On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be  
entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but  
God, who tests our hearts.* 1 Thessalonians 2:4

*For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that He has  
chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not simply with  
words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep  
conviction. ...* 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

Why would God care if I'm productive?  
He has \_\_\_\_\_ for you!

*Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the  
world? ... <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that we will judge angels? ...*  
1 Corinthians 6:2-3

Why does it matter if I'm faithful?  
It's to your \_\_\_\_\_!

*Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be  
given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have  
will be taken from them.* Luke 8:18

What made the first two servants, faithful?  
Seeing His \_\_\_\_\_

*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was  
not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I,  
but the grace of God that was with me.* 1 Corinthians 15:10

*I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in  
the land of the living.* Psalm 27:13  
Ps. 23:6, 31:19-20, 33:5, 100:4-5, 107:8-9, 145:5-9. Nahum 1:7, James 1:17

**Optional Reading:** *Notice God's expectation of Fruitfulness.*

**Gen.** 1<sup>28-29</sup> **Deut.** 28<sup>10-11</sup> **Ps.** 1<sup>3</sup> **Isaiah** 55<sup>11</sup> 58<sup>11</sup> **Jer.** 17<sup>7-8</sup>  
**Matt.** 3<sup>8</sup> 13<sup>16-23</sup> **John** 5<sup>1-17</sup> **Eph.** 5<sup>8-17</sup> **Col.** 1<sup>10</sup> **James** 3<sup>17-18</sup>  
**1 Peter** 4<sup>10</sup> **2 Peter** 1<sup>5-8</sup>