

DO BUSINESS UNTIL I COME

SERIES: HEARING THE MASTER'S VOICE

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¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)**

1. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN JESUS WILL RETURN

¹⁴ "For *the kingdom of heaven is* like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. **Matthew 25:14-15 (NKJV)**

2. WE ALL HAVE _____ TO FULFILL

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²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)**

¹² We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. **2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)**

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. **1 Corinthians 12:4, 11 (NIV)**

3. WE ALL FACE CONSEQUENCES TO OUR _____

• The Faithful Receive a _____ Reward

²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' **Matthew 25:21 (NIV)**

• The Unfaithful Receive an Unthinkable _____

²⁴ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **Matthew 25:24 (NKJV)**

²⁶ But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. **Matthew 25:26-28 (NKJV)**

4. WE HAVE THREE PLACES TO START

✓ Equip _____

² My dear friends, we are now God's children, but it is not yet clear what we shall become. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in Christ keeps himself pure, just as Christ is pure. **1 John 3:2-3 (TEV)**

✓ Evangelize _____

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **Acts 1:7-8 (NIV)**

⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. **Acts 10:42 (NIV)**

✓ Encourage the _____

¹² See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. **Hebrews 3:12-14 (NIV)**

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)**