

MISSIONARY WORK

1. WHAT has been given to every man?

“For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and *to every man his work.*” **Mark 13:34.**

2. Besides work, what else has been given to every man?

“And unto one he gave five *talents*, to another two, and to another one; *to every man according to his several ability.*” **Matthew 25:15.**

3. What are those called to whom this work is committed?

“For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own *servants*, and delivered unto them his goods.” **Verse 14.**

4. What use did these servants make of their talents?

“Then he that had received the five talents *went and traded with the same*, and made them other five talents. . . . But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s money.” **Verses 16– 18.**

5. What excuse did the one who hid his talent make?

“*I was afraid*, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.” **Verse 25.**

6. What did his master say to him?

“His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou wicked and slothful servant.*” **Verse 26.**

7. What did he say the servant should have done?

“Thou oughtest therefore to have *put my money to the exchangers*, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.” **Verse 27.**

8. What is characteristic of slothful persons?

“The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.” **Proverbs 22:13.**

NOTE — That is, they see great obstacles before them, and are always ready with excuses.

9. What was the fate of the slothful servant?

“And *cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*” **Matthew 25:30.**

10. What was said to the servant who improved his talents?

“His lord said unto him, *Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*” **Verse 21.**

11. Why did Christ endure the cruel death on the cross?

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; *who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*” **Hebrews 12:2.**

12. What will bring to the Lord this satisfaction and joy?

“He shall *see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied.*” **Isaiah 53:11.**

13. How will Christ demonstrate His joy over the saved?

“He will joy over thee *with singing.*” **Zephaniah 3:17.**

14. What did Paul set forth as his crown of rejoicing?

“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?* For ye are our glory and joy.” **1Thessalonians 2:19, 20.**

15. Since this joy comes to Christ only through His self-denial and suffering for others, in what way must all others partake of that joy?

“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him: *if we suffer we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us.*” **2Timothy 2:11, 12.**

16. What motive should prompt to soul-saving labor?

“For *the love of Christ constraineth us.*” **2Corinthians 5:14.**

17. Whom does every faithful Christian worker represent?

“Now then we are *ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.*” **Verse 20.**

18. What does God do with the unfruitful members?

“*Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*” **John 15:2.**

19. Can one occupy a mere neutral position toward Christ?

“He that is not with Me is *against* Me: and he that gathereth not with Me *scattereth.*” **Luke 11:23.**

20. For what does the Lord tell us to pray?

“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: *pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.*” **Luke 10:2.**

21. How are we cautioned against delaying the work?

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” **John 4:35.**

22. What promise is made to those who sow the gospel seed?

“They that sow in tears *shall reap in joy.* He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, *shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*” **Psalms 126:5, 6.**

23. What promise is made to soul-winners?

“He that winneth souls is *wise.*” **Proverbs 11:30.** “And they that be wise [margin, teachers] shall *shine as the brightness of the firmament;* and they that turn many to righteousness *as the stars forever and ever.*” **Daniel 12:3.**