



# Three Servants & A Master

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- Master assigns wealth to his servants according to abilities
  - “Abilities” = “Dynamism”
- Attitudes of first two servants and their master
  - Trusted he would return
  - Knew he had expectations
  - Master demonstrated his delight
    - They took him seriously; he rewarded their loyalty



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- Attitude of third servant and his master
  - Reveals much about self in words about the master (vv. 24-25)
    - Accuses him of being harsh, unfair, fearsome
  - Master does not defend himself
    - Uses servant's words against him
  - Wealth taken and given to one with greater dynamism
    - Servant finds harshness as result of wickedness and sloth





**Context**



# Context of the Parable

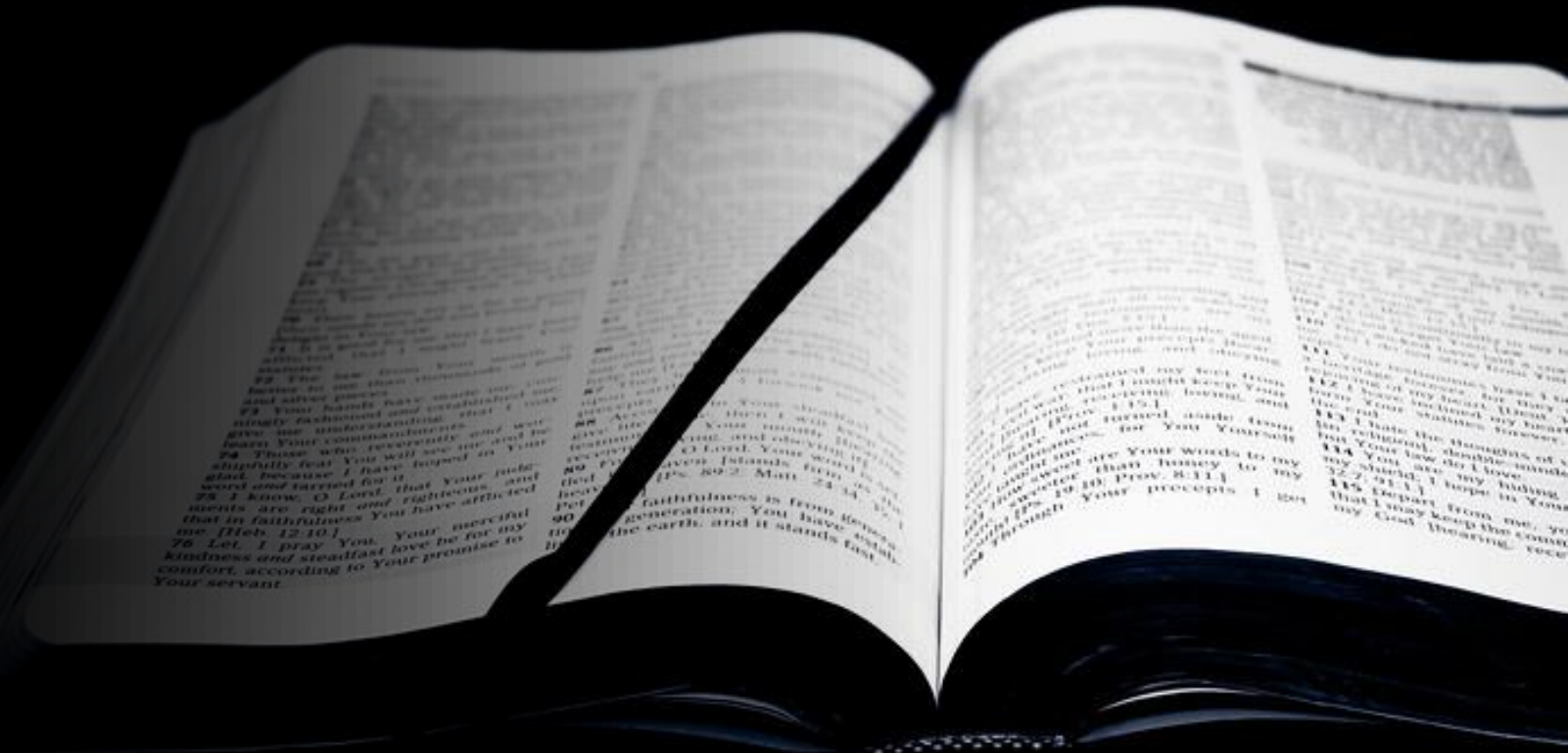
- **Matthew 24:36-51**: Judgment and the Danger of Unpreparedness
- **Matthew 25:1-13**: Parable of the Virgins
  - Preparedness vs. Unpreparedness
  - “Watch, for you know neither the day nor the hour”
- **Matthew 25:14-30**: Parable of Three Servants & a Master
  - Expectations of servants who wait for their master
  - Be ready at the master’s return
- **Matthew 25:31-46**: A Picture of the Master’s Return
  - Consequences of preparedness and unpreparedness



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- The Master & Me
  - How serious am I about God?
    - Do I believe He will return?

“Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” – II Peter 3:4,8



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- The Master & Me

- How serious am I about God?

- Do I believe He will return?

- Do I view Him as harsh, unfair, and invoking fear?

- What is God's view of me?

- Dangerous exercise to assign our own "value"

- This is God's decision

- God considers all His faithful workers as important

- Remember 5 talent and 2 talent servants were both rewarded!



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- The Work I Am Given
  - Must not take passive approach to finding God's work for me
    - "I'll do whatever God shows me needs to be done"
  - Illustration of the work of God's servants: Matthew 25:37-40
    - Faithful seem unaware they have worked for God – natural to them
    - Unfaithful seem unaware this is important work (vv. 44-46)
  - What we learn:
    - Aggressively seek work that can be done
    - Remember it is all about serving others
    - Work always related to relationship with Jesus

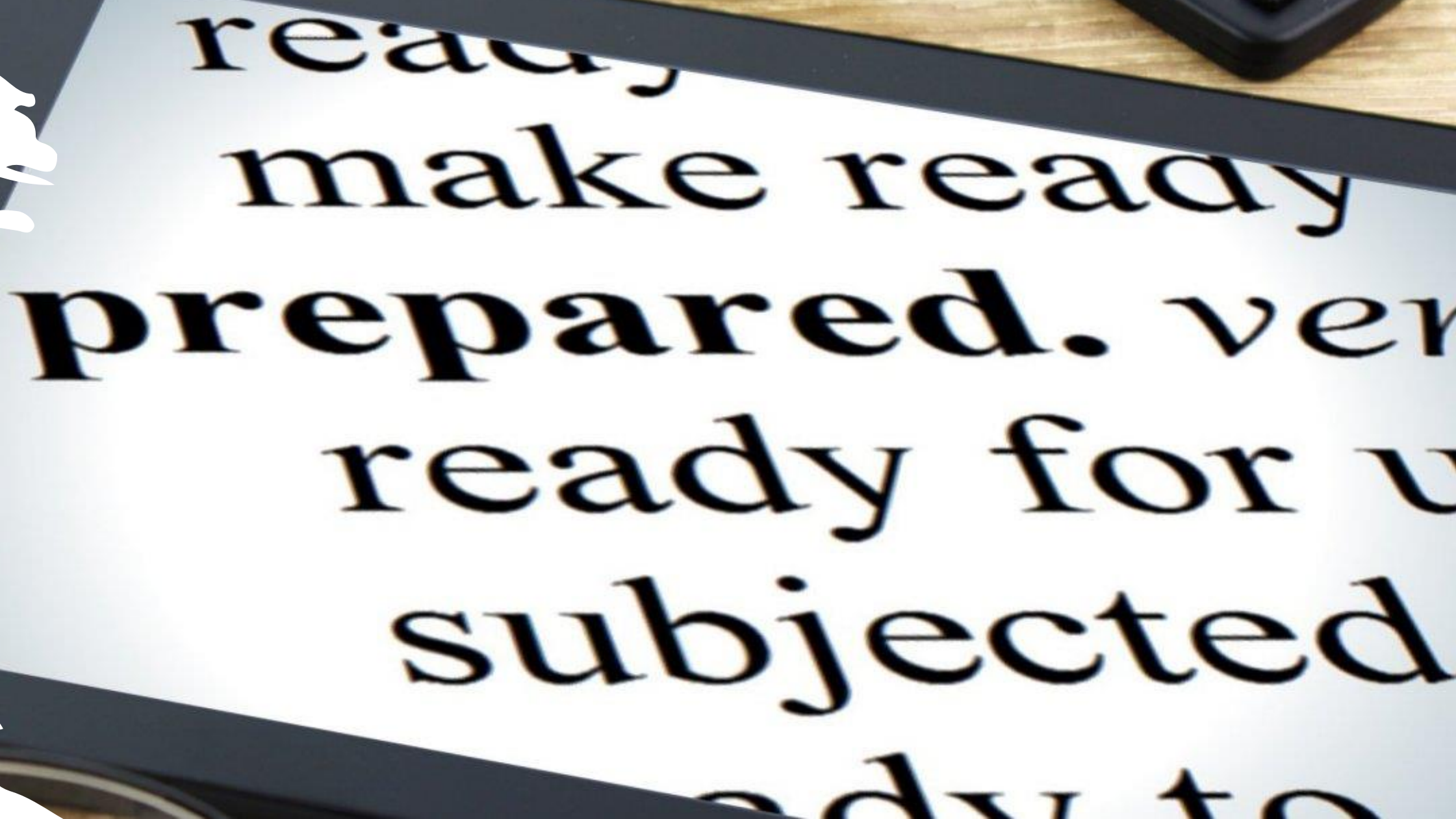


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- Working in View of Eternity
  - Note the words to the two faithful servants:
    - “You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much”
  - This should bring excitement about eternity
    - God has great expectations for those who have proven faithful
    - No sloth in eternity! God will have many opportunities for us





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