

The End Times According To Jesus: The Seared Conscience Part 2

How does one get to the point where their conscience has been seared?

Matthew 25:14 begins The Parable of the Talents

Keys to understanding the parable

- 1 God is the Lord. He is the creator, and he creates with purpose. The purpose of God is the demand or command that he has placed on his creation.
- 2 Whenever a command is given, the enemy comes to undermine the command.
- 3 You must choose, set in your will, to obey the command given by God.

Matthew 25:14-30

Matthew 25:14-15

The first part of this parable deals with the call and investment

- 1 Peter 2:9
- Ephesians 4:7

God is the author of your times

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11

Matthew 24:36

Understanding the call and investment

- 1 The call is universal, all are called. (Acts 17:30)
- 2 The call is personal. You are personally responsible for responding to the call. (Romans 10:9)
- 3 Your call is based on God's timing, not your convenience

1 Corinthians 13:11

You don't become a man because you put away childish things.

You must choose to accept the responsibility for your season.

A question often posed is, “Can a mother train a boy to be a man?”
Ask this, “Who is better prepared to deliver a godly man, a godly mother or an ungodly father?”

Both the mother and father have been called to deliver a godly seed.
Only the godly mother has accepted the call.
She has the grace needed for the good work.

Watch for offenses that can lead to a seared conscience

Your fear of death (Hebrews 2:15)

False teachers who argue that God has rejected you. (Matthew 23:15)

The weight of religion and the traditions of men (Matthew 23:4)

Matthew 25:15

The investment delivered to each servant should not be compared one to another.

Why would you consider the one with five talents to have greater favor than the one with one talent?

Each is given a sufficient investment.

Consider that some people can abound with one talent while others can barely accomplish the work with five talents.

You have been called and equipped for good works (Ephesians 2:8)

Work on your gratitude (Romans 2:4)

Do not despise the investment (Ephesians 4:12)

Do not despise your pastor (1 Timothy 5:17)

Do not despise your ministers and deacons

Your servants that serve you, your helpers that help you.