

## How can I Make the Most of My Life? Part 2

**Read:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Main idea:** Although Christ's delay may be long, His return in judgment will be sudden and irreversible, so we must be prepared by trusting Him now with a persevering faith that bears fruit.

**Key Verses:** "And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (25:33-34 ESV)

### Key Principles:

- Not everyone who considers themselves a Christian are true followers of Christ that will inherit the Kingdom of heaven.
- Sacrificial service is not a means of earning salvation, but it is a necessary evidence of salvation.
- When Christ returns to judge the living and the dead, His judgment will be final and irreversible.
- Until Christ returns, we should be watching for Him, following Him, trusting in Him and faithfully serving Him.
- The sign of genuine faith is a passionate commitment to God, the people of God and the mission of God.
- There is a difference in what your mouth says you believe and what your life says you believe by your actions.

### Discussion:

1. In your own words, what does it mean to keep watch for Christ, and how is this mind-set different from inactivity?
2. How are endurance and faithfulness—marks of true, saving faith—different from attempting to earn a right standing before God?
3. How would you reply to someone who asked the following questions? "What does the Bible say about the destiny of those who are genuinely followers of Christ? What is the fate of those who persist in unbelief?"
4. Practically speaking, how does the reality of eternal punishment affect how you live day to day?
5. How does this passage speak to the glory of Jesus Christ?
6. What are some evidences that we are true followers of Christ? Do you see these evidences (even if not perfectly) in your own life?

### Prayer:

- Focus on the truth of the imminent return of Christ for the church..
- Pray:
  - o That God would remind you to live with the end in mind by being faithful to Christ.
  - o That you would see the needs of God's children and serve them with compassion.
  - o Pray for believers around the world that are persecuted, poor and neglected.

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- I. Live with the end in mind. 25:31-34**
  - 1. Jesus will return for His church. 25:31
  - 2. Jesus will judge whole world. 25:32-34
  
- II. Live with those in need in mind. 25:35-36**
  - 1. Meet needs with your resources. 25:35
  - 2. Meet needs with your time. 25:36
  
- III. Live with the Lord in mind. 25:37-40**
  - 1. Remember why you serve. 25:37-39
  - 2. Remember who you serve. 25:40

NEXT WEEK:  
**How Does God View Money?**  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15