

Final Exam – 8/18/24

TEXT – Romans 14:7-13

INTRO – 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 *Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

We need a goal and purpose in life. We should understand why we are here and where we are going. We can be caught in a circle of living with no purpose. We will be graded on a final exam.

When was the material given? When you were asleep.

Commencement is the beginning. Life is a classroom.

- **The Will of God**
- **The Gifts of God**
- **The Work of God**
- **The Welcome of God**

1 Thessalonians 1:9 *For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;*

We are to serve now

I. We Are to Serve in the Will of God

God has a plan for our lives.

Rom. 12:1-2 Report for duty

The perfect will of God.

Not just full-time Christian worker

God's will becomes a priority **Matthew 6:33** *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Work is secondary. The will of God is first.

The job is not more important than the will of God.

We must have the right priority.

II. The Gifts of God

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

1 Corinthians 12:11 *But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

1 Corinthians 12:18 *But now hath God set the members every one of them*

the body, as it hath pleased him.

Romans 12:4-8 *For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.*

The gift is for the body of Christ to do the will of God.

The body that lives for itself is cancer! It takes in but doesn't give back.

Ephesians 4:15-16 *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

It is God's enablement

God's gifts are not for us to profit in business but to do the will of God

III. The Work of God

Matthew 28:19-20 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

We know the will of God to use the gifts of God to do the work of God.

A. Willingness

1 Corinthians 9:16-17 *For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.*

Do I do it because I love the Lord? Motive?

B. Faithfulness to my ability

Matthew 25:14-30 *For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.*

We are responsible for the ability God gives us.

Faithfulness to opportunity.

Matthew 20:1-8 *For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. 2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? 7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. 8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.*

Lesson of energy

Luke 19:11-16 *And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.*

Are you an owner or manager?

Luke 16:1-2 *ff And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. 2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.*

C. Dedicated to quality

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself*

shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Don't give the Lord the leftovers or less than your best.

Give Him our best!

We can be faithful

1 Corinthians 4:2 *Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

IV. The Welcome of God

Matthew 25:23 *His lord said unto him, Well done, 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.*

We must not while away our time and cram for the final exam it will not work.

Bema seat of Christ - Rewards

He wants us to do well.

Hebrews 10:31 *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

CONCL – There is nothing more important than to hear His commendation.

Luke 19 – The man with one talent had it taken away.

You must use what gives you.