

**"Bags of Gold"**

Matthew 25: 14-30 (page 994)

Message Notes

October 30, 2016

What has God entrusted to me?

What will I do with it all?

What will I hear from the Master?

*We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.*

-Article 9, EFCM Statement of Faith

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Growth Group Questions

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In the past, has learning what the Bible teaches about the end times been a positive experience for you? Why or why not? Why is it important for us to have a SOLID, Biblically-based understanding of eschatology?

Read together the Parable of the Ten Virgins - Matthew 25: 1-13. As you read through it, go ahead and interject observations what should characterize our lives as we await Jesus' return.

Read Sunday's sermon text together - Matthew 25: 14-30. Discuss together how you utilize the resources God has entrusted to you. Consider talents, spiritual gifts and other resources such as time, energy, money. Are you using those resources to maximize your potential for your own glory/purposes or for Jesus' glory and Kingdom purposes?

While we await the return of Jesus, it is our responsibility to live ready, prepared, and productive. However, read Ephesians 5: 15-18 together and look for instructions that should encourage us as we strive to live out that responsibility.