Title: “3rd Watch”
Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Target: The priority of investment begins with a simple framework of understanding the product of Investment, the profit of Interest, the possibility of the Indefinite, and the point of Involvement. Therefore, Jesus through teaching of a parable concerning property, possessions and percentages, allows us to understand the expectation of His greatest asset of worth, and that is YOU. It’s understandable that you may not feel like you are worth investing in, but Jesus thinks otherwise.

I. The Product of Investment: Matthew 25:14-15

• YOU ARE HIS POSSESSION:
  A. Under His Authority (vs. 14) “Servants”
  B. Oversee His Assets (vs. 14) “Entrusted”
  C. Equal to Ability (vs. 15) “Gave”

II. The Profit of Interest: Matthew 25:16-18

• YOU HAVE PURPOSE:
  A. Knew Where to Go: (vs. 16) “Traded”
  B. Knew What to Do: (vs. 17) “Made”
  C. Knew NOT Who to Be: (vs. 18, 24-25) “Buried”

III. The Possibility of the Indefinite: Matthew 25:19

• YOU NEED PERSPECTIVE:
  A. His Return is Unknown: (vs. 19) “After a Long Time”
  B. His Reckoning is Individual: (vs. 19) “Settled Accounts”

IV. The Point of Involvement: Matthew 25:20-23

• YOU ARE HIS PLEASURE:
  A. Distinction of the Remarks: (vs. 21, 23) “Well Done, Good and Faithful”
  B. Distribution of Rewards: (vs. 21, 23) “I will set you over much”
  C. Declaration of Rejoicing: (vs. 21, 23) “Enter into the joy of your Master”

Take Away: “God has given all of us something to manage, such as money, time, gifts, and opportunities. None of us are empty handed” - K. Foreman