



A Ruler Over Many Things

Mat. 25:14-30

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Mat. 25:21 – “good and faithful”

1 Cor. 4:2 – “found faithful”

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2 Cor. 9:12 – According to what one has, and not what he does not have.

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Ability + Opportunity = Responsibility

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What “given more” means:

- The twelve – Go into all the world preaching
- Other men – Save the lost and strengthen the saved.
- Many men, women, couples – Share in care of the church and spread of the gospel.

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What “given more” means:

- Older women – Teach younger women.
- Younger women and men – Silence the devil.
- Certain men – Serve the church in special way.

Acts 6:1-3 – Deacons

Acts 20:28 – Elders

1 Tim. 3:1-7 – The Elder

The man who has met his responsibilities in the smaller abilities and opportunities God has given to him as a Christian.

- Reflected master's nature – *gentle, good.*
- Productive in master's house – *hospitable, husband of one wife, ruled well his own house.*
- Delivered master's invitation – *able to teach.*
- Singularly loyal to master's service – *not servant of wine, greed, covetousness, anger.*
- Prepared for master's return – *blameless, temperate, humble, without reproach.*

