

First Things First (2026)

Good Servants with a great Master

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Big Question: How does a believer use the gifts of God well?

Big Idea: *Believers know that knowing the **heart of God** is the only way to develop the **habit of generosity**.*

Introduction: *Preparing for the Boss' Return*

What do I miss out on if I miss out on the heart of God?

- **Intimacy** with God
 - Our prize is not the “production” but the relationship with Jesus
- **Indulgence** in God's gifts
 - The master entrust us with His wealth
- **Immeasurably** more that God wants to do
 - No matter how much we have been given we have been given much

What do I need to master to please the Master?

- God's heart is **generous**
 - V. #26... so you thought I was stingy yet you did nothing
- God's harvest **germinates**
 - When we plant our “little” we expect God to produce a lot
- God's servants are to be **faithful** because they know their **God is good**
 - The success is the Lord's... the seeds are ours to plant

Applications: How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- Am I **prepared** for Christ's return?
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- What am I **prepared** to release for service in God's Kingdom?

'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Matthew 25:23