

# Stewardship and the Gospel

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- They desired to serve him **faithfully**
- Both servants were rewarded equally, because of **faithfulness** not amount.

### Servant #3's reward (v. 24-30)

- His actions revealed his heart that was **not** for the master.
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- The servant is cast into "outer darkness" (hell)

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