

God's Great Exchange

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But when his disciples saw this, they became angry and complained, "Why such a waste? (Matt.26:6-7) Question on the minds of many: "Why such a waste?"

1. Residents who have lost sense of purpose and meaning...the difference
 - a. Purpose-reason for which I exist
 - b. Meaning-looking for an explanation; to make something senseless make sense
 - c. Casts doubt on God's character for many
2. Parable of the unfruitful fruit tree (Lu.13:6-9)
 - a. The world's view of God's children in general (1Cor.4:13)
 - b. The world's view of non productive citizens
 - c. The destructive perspective of valuelessness
3. God's eternal perspective of value in His economy: We are servants
 - a. The giver...he/she who serves (Jn. 9:4, Eph.2:10)
 - b. Children of the day (the season in which we CAN do "good works")
 1. Gal6:9-10
 2. Tit.3:8
 3. Eph.2:10
 - c. "The night comes when no one can work..."
 1. God's people unable to give, only receive
 2. A question of waste. Is there any meaning to this night season?
 3. When it looks like usefulness to God is at its end
- 4.The Necessity of "Receivers" in God's eternal economy
 1. "Dig and dung" required. Hard work with little progress to see.
 2. Matt.10:42 Giver and receiver get the same reward
 3. The great exchange of reward for reward- an insignificant glass of water