## "WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

(Matthew 25:14-21)

(v21) "The Lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joy of your Lord" Be this kind of person.

## 1. BE A PERSON WHO HAS "DONE"

"Done" - brought or having come to an end; completed; all required steps are met; finished; nothing remains.

The first step to gain "entrance" is to obey the gospel: (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8). (Acts 2:37) "What shall we do?" (v38v v41, and v47) provide the answer. (Acts 9:6) "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (v18 and Acts 22:6-16) (Acts 16:30) "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (v31-33)

(James 1:21-22) "be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves"

# 2. BE A PERSON WHO HAS DONE "WELL"

"Well" - do it, and then add a little more, and do more than expected; 2<sup>nd</sup> mile.

(2 Corinthians 8:12) "it is accepted according to what one has"

(Mark 14:8) "She has done what she could" - whatever we do, do it "well."

(Ecclesiastes 9:10) "whatever thy hand finds to do, do it with your might"

## 3. BE A PERSON WHO DOES "GOOD"

"Good" - illustrated in (Hebrews 6:9-12) "things that accompany salvation"

God created us and graciously re-created us "in Christ for good works" (Ephesians 2:8-10) (Luke 8:15) "are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it, and bear fruit with patience"

(Luke 10:42) "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part" (Titus 2:14) "purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works"

#### 4. BE A PERSON WHO IS "FAITHFUL"

"Faithful" - reliable; dependable; trust-worthy; stead-fast; able to be counted on.

(1 Corinthians 4:2) "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful" (Revelation 2:10) "be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life"

#### 5. BE A PERSON WHO IS A FAITHFUL "SERVANT"

"Servant" - attendant; one who performs duties; serves by choice.
(Colossians 3:23-24) "receive the reward of the inheritance, for you serve the Lord"

CLOSE: (2 Peter 1:5-11) "add to your faith ... for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ"