Joy

The parable of the talents recorded in Matthew 25 ends with an invitation from the returning master to the faithful servants, “Enter into the joy of your Lord” vs 23 NKJ.

A “well done” from an earthly supervisor is of great value to a worker, but Christ in the parable directed the thoughts of those listening to a Heavenly Lord, Himself, who would be leaving and one day soon to return.

The servants' faithfulness was and will be rewarded, but what is this “Joy” and what are the keys to experiencing it?

First, consider that “the joy of your Lord” suggests a singular devotion to one master. A loyal servant
recognizes the master as lord and owner of all. Selfless devotion drives the use of every talent entrusted to him or her.

Secondly, the master alone determines the type and size of each talent(s) the worker is to use. The dedicated servant will have a complete trust in the master’s choice of service.

Christ, the Master, is soon to return. His joy is our redemption. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we enter into the joy of our Lord when we along with the talents and blessings received, together with all the increase, are dedicated to the salvation of others.

The familiar chorus proclaims, “If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy, Let Jesus come in to your heart”.

Sing it now! Sing it each day as you enter into the eternal Joy of your Lord.

by Don Wilson, Finance Committee Chair
Day of Prayer
On Monday

You are invited to join the Andrews University administration, faculty, staff and students in a Day of Prayer this Monday (April 27). The financial and enrollment challenges that higher education faces today along with the personal and professional challenges our new graduates will face are reason enough for us to band together in prayer. We will be seeking God’s wisdom for our leaders and His blessing upon this campus.

“I will teach you and instruct you in the way that you should go” is His promise (Psalm 32:8). With confident faith in Christ’s guidance, let us come boldly to His throne of grace. Pioneer will be open from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. for all who wish to come to the sanctuary for prayer.
Got It Wrong Again

On April 29, 1865, 50,000 people stood in line to pass through the Ohio Statehouse rotunda to pay their last respects to the recently slain Abraham Lincoln. As America mourned the assassination of its President, Ohioans reflected the gratitude of this country in that outpouring of affection. Hanging overhead in the Statehouse was a banner with an excerpt from Lincoln’s second inaugural address: “With malice toward none, with charity for all.” . . . read more

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