

22. There is one other parable the Lord uses to teach these evaluations, The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14–30. The final verse refers to that group's transfer to Torments:

**Matthew 25:30** “Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

**D. Application of the Evaluation Tribunal of Christ**

**Romans 14:10** You there, why do you judge your brother? Or you also, why do you regard with contempt your brother? For all believers will be present at the judgment throne of God [ **the Evaluation Tribunal of Christ** ].

**v. 11** It stands written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall genuflect to Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

**v. 12** So then each one of us will give an account to God concerning himself.

**v. 13** Therefore, let us no longer judge each other, but rather, determine this, not to place an obstacle or a distraction in front of his brother.

1. Every believer is a royal priest and represents himself before God. The advance to the sophisticated spiritual life places a believer in spiritual independence and functions under the privacy of the priesthood.
2. When the believer advances to the level of unconditional love toward other believers, he stops interfering in and tampering with the lives of others.
3. Believers are not given the right to judge other believers. That duty is assigned to Jesus Christ.
4. Each believer should be primarily concerned with his own spiritual life while allowing the lives of others to do the same.
5. When a believer regards another believer with contempt it indicates his failure to make the advance to unconditional love.
6. Failure to do so puts an obstacle between you and other believers by judging, maligning, revenge motivation, guilt trips, etc.
7. Each believer is responsible for his own decisions. The biblical way to avoiding judging or distracting other believers is by tolerating them from virtue developed from unconditional love.

8. Every believer must give an account for his own thoughts, decisions, and actions. There is no virtue in self-righteous arrogance that inspires judgment of others.
9. Avoidance of judging other believers is by toleration that accompanies unconditional love.
10. To make a good report before the Tribunal, believers must grow in grace all the way to spiritual maturity and occupation with Christ.
11. All of us must stand alone before the Evaluation Tribunal of Christ. All of us hope that this event could occur any day now. In case not, we have some time to prepare for a more honorable presentation once it does.
12. In James 2:12, the apostle indicates that believers should be applying doctrine as those who are about to receive judgment based on the law of freedom.
13. The judgment is the Evaluation Tribunal of Christ. The law of freedom has to do with the fact that believers function and operate in an environment of freedom based on the fact that our volition is free.
14. We are free agents with regard to our decision-making capacities. We prepare our volition to acquire guidance from the Word of God, recall that information in our decision-making processes, and pull that volitional trigger to put our thoughts into action.
15. Volition is a part of the soul. It is our system of making decisions. The decisions we make are the result of freedom and when we make them we do so under the law of freedom.
16. Put another way, we are personally responsible for our own decisions! Nobody else is. We must therefore get it through our heads that when we make decisions they are our own and we must take responsibility for them.
17. An extremely high inventory of biblical ideas should be the inventory you seek to accumulate in order to best function under the law of freedom.

**James 2:12** In light of these things, keep on speaking or communicating and keep on applying just as those who are about to receive judgment by the law of freedom. (EXT)

**James 2:13** For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. (NASB)

