

SERMON: Two Little Words That Make So Much Difference

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:14 - 30

Introduction: In a day when there is so much talk of power and force it is well to remember that nothing is more powerful than words. Rightly used they can bring about peace and life, while evil words can bring about death and destruction.

1. LITTLE WORDS WITH GREAT MEANING

- a. **I will**, in the marriage vow, are powerful promises. It might be well for young couples to be reminded of the weight these words carry.
- b. **I love you**, in human relationships are endearing words. How shameful it is that they are tossed about so carelessly in a Hollywood fashion.
- c. But few words sound better to the human ear than, "Well done." This is true in the home, at work or at play.

2. WELL DONE, I THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- a. Note in the Bible reading that all were given a task or talent. No one was left without something to do.
- b. The results required of the Lord were according to the ability of the servant.
- c. The words, "Well done," were heard by those servants that put forth effort and energy to please their Lord. But the one who, with fear, hid his talent was cast out of the vineyard.
- d. Even so, God never expects of us more than our ability nor will He assign us a task too large for us to do.

3. WELL DONE, I THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- a. "Well done" will be heard only by those who are faithful in their service to God.
- b. And by those who display an example for others to follow, will it be heard.
- c. Those who would hear these precious words in those final days must have vision and insight for God.
- d. All of the works that man will do, however, must be prefaced by his spiritual birth into the kingdom of God.

Conclusion: All of us enjoy hearing the words, "Well done." But think how wonderful it will be at the end of life's way to hear the Judge into the joys of the Lord." This is not a dream but a reality for those who follow God obedience and faith.