



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Matthew 25	Title:	A 4-figure Ang Pow
Author	Ps Lim Bee Ngor		
Summary of Chapter	In this chapter, Matthew demonstrates with the Parable of the 10 Virgins and the Parable of the Talents that we are to keep watch and get ready at all time for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.		

Key Verse(s) NLT How does it speak to me?

Matthew 25:13 <i>“So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.”</i>	Matthew 25:13 admonishes us to be ready and to keep watch for the Lord’s return. What does it mean to be ready & watchful for the Lord’s coming? It means to live holy, missional lives. It means to put our resources into His kingdom to help others and for His kingdom purpose. Just about 3 weeks ago, someone passed me a 4-figure ang pow! I was really shocked to receive such a huge amount of money. I asked this sister why she gave me so much money and I refused to accept it. She insisted I take it and said the Lord had prompted her to give me this money. She suggested I asked the Lord what this money is for. She refused to take back the money. Reluctantly, I accepted the money but half the time in my mind, I was asking the Lord what this money is for. Then on my way home, the Holy Spirit reminded me that in April this year, I gave away the money I received from the government to a pre-believer & another sum of money to a believer. Both were facing financial difficulties due to Covid-19. I was very encouraged by the Lord’s gesture not just because He returned the exact amount of money to me but because He reminded me that all the money I have belong to Him and I’m His hands and His feet that He can use to help the people He wants to help. He shows me that as I serve those in need, I’m actually serving Him! I recalled 2 years back, I offered to sponsor a brother-in-Christ for a mission trip to Myanmar because he couldn’t afford it and on that very night, I received a cheque from a sis-in-Christ who just wanted to bless me! The amount was more than what was need for the mission trip! Indeed, our Lord is no man’s debtor! So now, with this ang pow in my hand, I’ll pray & see who God wants me to bless next. Gracians, let’s stay faithful. Let’s keep watch and get ready always to use whatever God has given us, whether it is money, time, talents or even our very lives to serve the will of our Father in heaven while we await the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!
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APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	List 2 or 3 acts of kindness that you and your household can carry out in the remaining half of the year to help someone in need.
Youth:	List the names of the classmates you know who have needs. Think of small ways you can reach out to bless them e.g. make an e-card to encourage an anxious friend; buy an ice-cream to cheer up a discouraged classmate or pray for a classmate’s family going through financial difficulties etc.
Child:	Write down 3 blessings you’ve received from others in the past month. Say a simple prayer to bless these 3 people in return.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Lord Jesus, as we look at the world today, we know You are coming back is very soon. Help us to make each day count for You. Help us to use the resources You’ve given us to help those in need. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen!
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.