*The Age to Come (cont.)*

* Jesus indicated that our faithfulness and fruitfulness in this present age will be the basis of our future role in the coming age:
  + In one parable, a faithful servant left in charge of his master’s estate was rewarded by being put in charge of all his master’s possessions –

**Matthew 24:46-47 & Luke 12:42-44**

* + In another parable, two faithful servants who fruitfully managed their master’s wealth were put in charge of “many things” and invited to share in their master’s happiness – **Matthew 25:21,23**
* In this same parable, the lazy and unfruitful servant lost what was entrusted to him, and it was given to the most profitable servant – **Matthew 25:28-29**
* In another version of this parable, a returning king rewarded fruitful servants by putting them in charge of some number of cities (ten and five), commensurate with what was originally entrusted to them and how fruitful they were with it – **Luke 19:17,19**
* Jesus suggested that our faithfulness with worldly wealth (measured in generosity to others) would determine whether we’re entrusted with “true riches” and “property of [our] own” – **Luke 16:9-12**
  + Similarly, Paul wrote that when the rich are generous with their wealth, they “lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age” – **1 Timothy 6:19**