



Chapter Seven:

To the One Who Has Will More Be Given

Matthew 25:14-30

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Mission Outpost Series Review of Big Ideas

These spheres of relationship in areas where we live, work, learn, and play

Where we get to be the hands, feet, voice of Jesus!

The way we fulfill our calling destiny is through what is near and next

Every sphere of life provides opportunity to glorify God and share His love

Become good news before attempting to broadcast good news

Invest in Persons of Peace in our Mission Outposts

Every encounter leads somewhere, every experience builds forward

There is power in being real whole people which includes acknowledging our weaknesses

The Parable of the Talents

Background: included in a set of parables dealing with the end of the age: Matt 24 and 25

This parable is aimed at encouraging Jesus followers **to be faithful** steward of "kingdom realities"

By "kingdom realities" I mean *all that comes about by having the King present in us*

While seeming to motivate by reward and punishment, this parable rather motivates **another** way

This illustration is captured in the "punchline proverb" of verse 29

To the One Who Has Will More Be Given...

This saying shows up 5 times in the Gospel accounts: Matthew 13:12, 25:29; Mark 4:25; Luke 8:18, 19:26

Finding the common denominator is a study worthy of your follow-up!

This parable is affirming the unstoppable power and fecundity of the kingdom of God

One who has wealth can easily make more wealth, and the poor just keep getting poorer

Wealth has a self-generating power to it; lack of wealth leaves one vulnerable to down-spiral

Looking at the saying in Mark: the secret of the kingdom (4:10): inexorable light, compound return

This is then followed by the Parable of the Growing Seed: Mark 4:26-29

And this is followed by the Parable of the Mustard Seed: Mark 4:30-32

The Secret of the Kingdom is Jesus Present and Having His Way

Christ Himself is the Talent, the treasure in the field: see Matthew 13:44

Think of Jesus multiplying the bread and fish in all the Gospels

Christ in us, the hope of glory: Colossians 1:27

I will be with you till the end of the age: Matthew 28:20

Back to the Motivating Principle in the Parable of the Talents

The motivation is an affirmation of the powerful nature of what gets to be stewarded

The key to success is in the talents themselves, not in the methods of the servants

This is why Jesus uses the hyperbolic “talent” (20 years wages) as the symbol of the kingdom

Emphasis is not in differentiating the skill of the servants (they both double the yield)

Also emphasized by the recognition of a bank deposit yielding interest (no skill on servant’s part)

The tragedy of the unfaithful disciple lies in NOT giving a chance to such a fertile thing to do its thing

Imagine the scenario of the poor man and the packet of corn seeds/packet of magic corn seeds

Do we know what a powerful thing it is we get to steward, Christ in us and us in the world?

We cannot lose! It is not up to strategies, gimmicks, methodologies, our cleverness or skill.

Paul himself downplayed skill in Gospel sharing to the Corinthians: 1 Cor 2:4-5

A cup of water given in Jesus name will not lose its reward! Matthew 10:42

Being present with intentionality in our Mission Outposts releases the Kraken!!