

Kings & Priests - 5

Let's jump right in. Are you enjoying this series on Kings & Priests?

Turn with me if you will to Matt 25. The first book of the new testament.

This series on Kings & Priests is identifying our responsibilities for each of us in our High Callings.

I am in the office of a Priest, so my primary responsibility is to provide vision for the church.

The office of the King is to provide provision for the vision.... Kings are to be changing the community and the world for Jesus Christ.

Real quick on Wednesday morning one of our very own Kings was a guests presenter at the Orange County prayer breakfast. [Tell Story](#)

This is what our Kings are CALLED to do.

To whom MUCH is given... Much is required... Do you want much??? The you understand much will then be required.

And God has trusted a lot to Family Church so we are required to DO much in our community for the Kingdom of God.

Can I get an Amen???

You have a lot... God is saying to you... I need you to do a lot.

The skills, talents and abilities IN YOU need to be used for the glory of God.

Listen to me:

When God gives VISION... He always desires to give the PROVISION to go with it...

I need you to believe that. I need you to believe that It is through you that God wants to provide to meet the needs of the vision...

Through you... That means God must increase YOU in order to do that.

That should be exciting.

When we bought our first church. We had NO money...

We didn't have it... all the way up to closing we had NO money. A little in our church sold a piece of property and brought Pastor Joe a check for the exact amount of money needed to purchase 10 East Main Street.

Never had a mortgage on it. God gave Pastor Joe the Vision... God gave a little old later the Provision... The partnership created a ministry to reach downtown Middletown for over 20 years.

Psalm 35:27

The Lord delights in the prosperity of His children.

The Lord wants you to prosper emotionally, relationally, intellectually, and financially.

He delights in it...

Will you let Him?

I'm going to say somethings today maybe you've never heard. I'm going for the meat today... This is heavy stuff, not kiddie stuff. We good with that today?

Matt 25:14

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

We need to understand that in this partnership we have as Kings & Priests it is "In Service" to the King of Kings. We are servants together to the Lord.

We are both his servants

Last week we learned that for our partnership to work there must be mutual trust and respect between us. If you didn't see last week it's on the website and app.

Here is the first heavy.... Ready?

If you don't trust me. Ready? If you don't trust then in all humility and sincerity then you need to go find a church that you can Trust the Pastor.

I don't want this to happen... But if I love you and want Gods best for you than I have to tell you this truth.

I'm not looking for anyone to leave... but it will not be fulfilling, enjoyable or fruitful for you to attend a church that you do not trust the Pastor.

That's not fun to say so let's move along...

Both HIS servants..

But have different responsibilities.

And what we produce from that will be based upon our obedience and devotion. By devotion I mean dedication.

We are servants to the King of Kings...

I found something interesting out about this word servant...

In this text Matt 25:14 this word servant means this... Are you ready?

One who gives himself up to another's will, those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing His cause among Men.

Devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests.

We are His servants... We signed up for it. We asked to be **used** by God.

You see this type of servant manifest in Jesus when He said...

"Not my will but your will be done"

Matt 25:14

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

So this tells us that everything we have IS the Lords... These never became the servants goods...

Chew on that. Everything you have and everything you are is the Lords...

Everything you have you have because God trusts you with it.

Matthew 25:15

15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one,

So He had 8 talents we learned last week that this is Money... 2 million dollars per talent...

This man is worth 16 million dollars.

Matthew 25:15

15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each **according to his own ability**; and immediately he went on a journey.

Watch this... He gave to them... According to his own ability....

And at the Word that they were just as committed to His as he was...

I'm your servant... I put myself in that position... I chose...

Each one HAD the ability to duplicate what they were given...

VS 16

Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. **17** And likewise he who *had received two* gained two more also. **18** But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. **19** After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

So servant one and servant two did not do the SAME thing with the money trusted but did get the same outcome... It was within them to do so.

But the third man chose NOT to live up to his own potential...

The potential was inside... But the man chose to leave it hidden in there.

He didn't believe He had the ability... although the Master said He did...

Eye has not seen nor ear heard neither has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love Him...

Are you limiting God's ability to change the world because you don't trust yourself?

The whole point of this is to move us from ownership to stewardship...

Ready here it is:

VS20

20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents;

He identifies where his opportunity came from... The Lord

You delivered to me 5 talents... It is from you...

There was a purpose in the prosperity... God gave it to him for a reason and that was to cause it to produce.

There was a purpose in this process...

There is a purpose to God's blessing on your life

This servant understood it...

Well done good and faithful servant.

This partnership works when we operate with a sense of being faithful...

VS20

look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' **21** His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Faithful over little... Bro... dude had 10 million... God is not afraid to dream big for your life...

From God's view point 10M is small... I'll make you ruler...

VS22

22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' **23** His lord said to him,

Well He made 5 why didn't your make 5... No he didn't say that...

Notice the SAME reward that was given the man with 5 that made 5 is the SAME reward as the man who was given 2 and made 2...

VS23

'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Same reward... Ruler... KING...

That means something to me... Based on MY ABILITY... I am worthy of the same reward as someone with a greater ability.

Michael... What did you do with Family Church in Middletown NY... ?

No where does he rebuke them for doubling the money trusted to them.

Listen:

God never rebukes success

That's good stuff...

But Pastor Mike what about the guy who hid the one talent... Why do you want to know? Plan on trying it?

You'll have to read the story yourself and figure it out... I want to chase Well Done...

VS 19 said this

After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

We don't know how long he was gone... maybe a lifetime... He expected progress, production from what he had entrusted His servants with...

The servants who signed themselves up to serve.

Are you living the Well Done life for the Lord you enlisted to serve?

PRAY