

Kings & Priests - 6

Matthew 25:14-29

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.

15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each **according to his ability**.

This means each of them HAD the ability to Do what the master entrusted them to do. It was within them.

Then he went on his journey.

16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. (He Traded)

17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. (We don't know method)

18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

My man... If you didn't know what to do with the money why not ask someone who does? At the very least you could have asked these other 2 guys what to do.

You wanna look smart but when you have to answer for what you did.... You're not going to look so smart.

Ask for help... Go to the one with the 5 and say what's your plan...?

19 "After a **long time** the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you **in charge** of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

There is a happiness that comes with doing what God has entrusted you to do.

You want to be happy? You want to be fulfilled... Fulfill your High Calling.

Be the King God has created you to be...

Our Next Level classes should be flooded with applications right now for King to serve in the High Callings in the local church.

Waiting lists full of people who have signed up to serve the local church in their High Calling...

We start with the **small**...

Your High Calling will start with a small thing

Zechariah 4:10

Do Not despise small beginnings

Faithful over Little... Ruler over much... In both cases servant over little Ruler over much... Still a King.

22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Same reward... He did not hold him to the same amount... He did not expect him to raise 5 more talents from 2... He expected him to do His BEST... Same reward...

I wonder if He had only made 3 total out of the 2 if He would have had the same reward... ?

He did **something** with what He was trusted with.

I don't know if it HAD TO be exactly double.... But He had to do something.

24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that **you are** a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

Oh my my my... We have some issues going on here... "I knew you are"

He's having to give account for His choices... Yet he is blaming the Master who trusted him to do what He signed up to do for the reason why He did not do what he was trusted to do.

Mind blowing... Yet we do this all the time.

I didn't do my best because everyone else at work is lazy.

I would be nice if my spouse was nice.

I wouldn't yell or have an attitude IF they would say things nice to me.

What did you do with what I trusted you with?

Well...

25 I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what **belongs to you.**'

OUCH.... Oh no no no no no...

This is not going down the right road... If you are in any area of leadership you are cringing right now... because you know the hammer is about to fall.

This man is NOT taking responsibility for his choices.

26 His master replied, You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 **So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.**

Wait a second....VS 21... VS 23... He never asked for the Gold back... From the first 2... They not only kept the first 5 and 2... they kept the second 5 and 2 they earned...

In fact... He gave them a promotion and now the man with 10... is now given 1 more...

God is NOT looking for you to be a King for HIS good... He is doing this for YOUR good...

29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

Ladies and gentlemen why does Family Church have what they have, How can we do what we do?

Because Kings and Priests have joined in a faith filled partnership to be great stewards over God's resources...

I'm about to say something intense right now...

Between 6,000 and 10,000 churches in the U.S. are dying each year

That means around 100-200 churches will close this week.

The pace will accelerate unless our congregations make some dramatic changes.

It's tempting to blame secular culture, national politics, or church leaders for the declining church influence in today's culture.

If outside forces and culture were the reasons behind declining and non-influential churches, we would likely have no churches today.

The greatest periods of church growth, particularly in the first century, took place in adversarial cultures.

Church is not hindered by external forces; church is hindered by our own lack of commitment, selflessness, and evangelistic urgency.

Family Church has NEVER lacked for anything. We have always met our budget and saved.

While other churches are closing up shop we are thriving... WHY? To whom much is given... even more will be given.

When Kings & Priests join in unity, in their lanes of High Calling

When we are faithful over what God has entrusted to do... He will bring more. And He doesn't ask for it back..

Listen... They duplicated **their own reward**... They got to keep it...

One of my Wife's uncles... She has a lot.

Saved up for years to send his son to college. He put the money in the bank and it grew for that day that his son needed it college tuition.

He son was wise... intelligent. He applied for grants and scholarships... so many so that he was able to pay in full for his own 4 years of college.

On his graduation day unknown to him that his father had saved college tuition for him... his father handed him a check for 100 something thousand dollars...

This was your money all along son... To do with as you pleased...

You were faithful and a good steward... the son took the money and bought a house...

He was faithful and there was a blessing... He could have been lazy and entitled and made his Dad pay for his college... instead he took charge of his life... and now was rewarded with cash for a house.

Kings... Step out of slumber... Step out of mediocrity and settling for what someone else says is normal and follow your high calling.

PRAY