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WOW – Word on Wednesday

CORE CONCEPTS SERIES

“GIVING FOR GRACE”

Giving You the Best that I’ve Got!

Matthew 25:14-30

- I. First, this Parable teaches us that success is a product of work. John 9:4**
- a. In the book of Genesis, God placed Adam in the garden to work. Titus 2:7
 - b. We are made to work, witness, and worship. 1 Corinthians 4:1
 - c. The Lord expects us to accomplish what we have been assigned to do. Philippians 1:6
 - d. Far too many Christians today see their salvation as a simple “bus ticket to heaven”.
The parable of the talents teaches us what we are supposed to do while we are awaiting God’s return. 1 Timothy 5:8
 - 1. We are to work, using our talents to glorify God, serve the common good and further God’s kingdom.
 - e. God has given us the product, now we must produce!
- II. The Parable of the Talents teaches us that God has given us everything we need to do what He has called us to do!**
- a. Everyone is given the sum of his supply (you have more than enough). Romans 12:3
 - b. Don’t feel sorry for the one talent, that’s a million dollars today!
 - c. We are tempted to feel sorry for the servant who received only one talent: Leviticus 19:9-10
 - 1. Don’t feel sorry for him, God didn’t
 - 2. He had more than enough
 - 3. He was foolish, not fruitful
- III. The Parable of the Talents teaches that we are not all created equal.**
- a. The most overlooked part of the parable is that the Master gives to each servant according to his ability.
 - b. The Master understood who can handle what each had!
 - 1. Who’s capable, who’s accountable, who’s reliable!
 - c. Diversity is woven into the fabric of creation. Galatians 3:28
 - 1. Not all are equal, but we can give the same equality.
 - d. This is why the reward given by the Master is the same.
 - e. The Master measures success by degrees of effort, as we should.

IV. The Parable of the Talents teaches that we work for the Master, not for ourselves!

- a. The money that is given to the servant is not their own.
- b. The servants are only stewards of the Master's investment. Deuteronomy 8:18
- c. We should maximize the use of our talents, for the glory of God. Proverbs 3:9-10
- d. Because we live in a fallen world, our work will be difficult.
- e. But we should feel satisfaction and joy knowing that God is pleased when we do our best work.
- f. God has put us in the right place where His providence puts us to succeed for God's glory. Proverbs 3:5-6