

THE TRUE GOSPEL
100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS WILL NOT BE IN THE KINGDOM

Mat 25:14 For [the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** is] as a man travelling into a far country, [who] called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Mat 25:15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Mat 25:16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made [them] other five talents.

Mat 25:17 And likewise he that [had received] two, he also gained other two.

Mat 25:18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

Mat 25:19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

Mat 25:20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

Mat 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, [thou] good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Mat 25:22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

Mat 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Mat 25:24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

Mat 25:25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, [there] thou hast [that is] thine.

Mat 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, [Thou] wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

Mat 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and [then] at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Mat 25:28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give [it] unto him which hath ten talents.

Mat 25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Mat 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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Luk 19:11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that **THE KINGDOM OF GOD** should immediately appear.

Luk 19:12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

Luk 19:13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

Luk 19:14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this [man] to reign over us.

Luk 19:15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

Luk 19:16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

Luk 19:17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

Luk 19:18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

Luk 19:19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

Luk 19:20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, [here is] thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

Luk 19:21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

Luk 19:22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, [thou] wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

Luk 19:23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

Luk 19:24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give [it] to him that hath ten pounds.

Luk 19:25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

Luk 19:26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

Luk 19:27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay [them] before me.

Note: Luke explains that Jesus spoke this parable because his disciples thought that the Kingdom of God should appear immediately. Jesus didn't give them the Kingdom immediately, but the parable explains how he must go away to receive his Kingdom and then return. He then gave each one a sum of money and said, "occupy till I come". So they knew that while he was away, they must be making the most out of whatever Jesus left them with. If we consider that the above parable is about literal money, we must draw the conclusion that our Lord expects us to educate our selves in the principles of wise investing, and not be afraid to invest in his behalf. The least we can do and still be profitable servants is put his money into an interest-bearing account. We know that Jesus did not leave each of us with a literal sum of money to invest for him. So we equate the sum of money with grace and knowledge, talents, abilities and responsibilities that we can zealously grow in and make the most of in our lives. Those who are not productive with what the Lord gives them are equated to lazy people who do not want Jesus to reign over them.

Notice these significant other scriptures where the words 'unprofitable servant' are used.

* Luk 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Luk 17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

Luk 17:7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

Luk 17:8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

Luk 17:9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

Luk 17:10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Note: We see here that Jesus seems to answer their request for MORE faith by saying that if they do MORE than what is commanded of servants, their faith will also increase.

We can do MORE than what is commanded us by going above and beyond keeping God's commandments to become perfect. (See note # 31)

We can do MORE than what is commanded us by being zealous to cooperate even when distasteful things are demanded of us.

* Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

* Mat 5:40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have [thy] cloke also.

* Mat 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

We can do MORE than what is commanded us by generously giving MORE than what is asked of us.

* Mat 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

In Gen 24 there is a story of how Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for his son Isaac. The servant went to Nahor in Mesopotamia to a well outside the city and prayed that if the Lord had prospered his journey, then when the damsels came to draw water, he would say, "Please give me a little water from your pitcher". Then, if a damsel said, "Drink, and I will draw water for your camels also." Let her be the wife whom the Lord has chosen for Isaac. And so it was that Rebecca did MORE than what Abraham's servant asked of her. She hastily gave him a drink and also watered all his camels. And she was the one chosen by God to be Isaac's wife.

In the parable above, the Lord commended the servants who produced MORE money than what he originally gave them.

In the parable of the sower, (Note # 18) it is the good ground of a good heart into which the Lord puts the seed of the message of his kingdom that will sprout up in the person bringing forth MORE in good fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Here are some scriptures showing profitable things that we can occupy our time with and things that do not profit.

* 1Sa 12:20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart;

1Sa 12:21 And turn ye not aside: for [then should ye go] after vain [things], which cannot profit nor deliver; for they [are] vain.

* Pro 11:4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

* Pro 14:23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips [tendeth] only to penury.

* Ecc 7:11 Wisdom [is] good with an inheritance: and [by it there is] profit to them that see the sun.

* 1Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

* 1Ti 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

* 2Ti 3:16 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

* Tts 3:8 [This is] a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

The two principles at work in this parable are:

1. If we are faithful over the little that the Lord gives us, he will give us even greater responsibilities in his Kingdom. In Luke's version, we will be given rulership over a number of cities.
2. He that has, to him will be given; but he who has not, from him will be taken away even what he has.

Let us be zealous to increase whatever the Lord has given us so he will say to us in that day, "Well done, good and faithful servant."