

S.O.H.L. (12/6/10)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Managers Of His Property (Pt. 2 of 2)

MATTHEW 25:14-30 NLT – (14) “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. (15) He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. (16) “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. (17) The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. (18) But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. (19) “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. (20) The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ (21) “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ (22) “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ (23) “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ (24) “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. (25) I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ (26) “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, (27) why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ (28) “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. (29) To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. (30) Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The parable of the talents illustrates the tragedy of poor management of God’s property. The man who goes on a journey represents Christ, and the slaves represent professing believers given different levels of responsibility. Faithfulness is what He demands of them, but the parable suggests that all who are fruitful will be fruitful to some degree. The fruitless person (the servant given one bag) is unmasked as a hypocrite and utterly destroyed.

This parable is actually an example of being stewards of our Fathers time, gifts and finances. Are you just a Wednesday and Sunday Christian? A relationship with Christ is very important. Are you serious about your (TIME)? Are you using the (GIFT) God gave you to glorify Him with? Are you using your (FINANCES) wisely, paying your tithes and offerings? Are you truly giving your best or are you robbing God as mentioned last week? This meditation is by no means to make one feel bad, but “[when we know better we should do better.](#)” The truth will make us free!!!

Do not take this parable or God’s commandments for granted, meditate on **verses 24-30.** Stewardship – management of our Fathers property.

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 25:1-13

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Don’t just want to know Him, want a relationship!

