

The Kingdom of God, Then

7) Faithful Stewards

'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. 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'

(Matt.25:14-15)

***'The earth is the LORD's, and all
its fullness, the world and
those who dwell therein'
(Psa.24:1)***

***'If I were hungry, I would not
tell you; for the world is Mine,
and all its fullness'
(Psa.50:12)***

***'What do you have that you did
not receive?'***
(1 Cor.4:7)

***'What is man that You are
mindful of him, and the son of
man that You visit him? For
You have made him a little
lower than the angels, and You
have crowned him with glory
and honor'***

(Psa.8:4-5)

***'You have made him to have
dominion over the works of
Your hands; You have put all
things under his feet'***

(Psa.8:6)

'...and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will'

(2 Tim.2:26)

***'For He has not put the world to come,
of which we speak, in subjection to
angels. But one testified in a certain
place, saying: "What is man that You
are mindful of him, or the son of man
that You take care of him? You have
made him a little lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and
honor, and set him over the works of
Your hands...***

'... You have put all things in subjection under his feet.' For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him'
(Heb.2:5-8)

'Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's'

(1 Cor.6:19-20)

***'...and He died for all, that those
who live should live no longer
for themselves, but for Him who
died for them and rose again'
(2 Cor.5:15)***

Four stages of development:

A BELIEVER

is a person who believes in Jesus Christ for salvation

A DISCIPLE

is a person who builds his life on the teachings of Christ and the Apostles

A SERVANT

is a person who uses his gifts and resources for the kingdom of God

A LEADER

is a person who accepts the responsibility for influencing the lives of others according to the will of God

***'Give, and it will be given to you:
good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, and running
over will be put into your bosom.
For with the same measure that
you use, it will be measured
back to you'
(Lk.6:38)***

'Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" And then I will declare to them, "'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

(Matt.7:21-23)

***'Then I heard a voice from
heaven saying to me, "Write:
'Blessed are the dead who die in
the Lord from now on.'" "Yes,"
says the Spirit, "that they may
rest from their labors, and their
works follow them"'***

(Rev.14:13)

***'Let a man so consider us, as
servants of Christ and stewards
of the mysteries of God.
Moreover it is required in
stewards that one be found
faithful'***

(1 Cor.4:1-2)

'So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, "Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them". 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"...

'...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." His lord said to him, "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"'

(Matt.25:20-23)

'Then he who had received the one talent came and said, "Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours"

(Matt.25:24-25)

***'But his lord answered and said to him,
'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew
that I reap where I have not sown, and
gather where I have not scattered
seed. So you ought to have deposited
my money with the bankers, and at my
coming I would have received back my
own with interest. Therefore take the
talent from him, and give it to him who
has ten talents'***

(Matt.25:26-28)

'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth'

(Matt.25:29-30)

***'So then each of us shall give
account of himself to God'
(Rom.14:12)***

***'And behold, I am coming quickly,
and My reward is with Me, to give
to every one according to his work'
(Rev.22:12)***