

CALL TO COMMITMENT #3

COMMITTED TO MY MINISTRY

Mat 25 14-30

Jesus gives us 7 principles of ministry.

1. OWNERSHIP

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.

Everything you have has come to you directly from God.

Job, one of the oldest and wisest and wealthiest, said, "The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away...blessed be the name of the Lord.

2. ALLOCATION

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;

Talents here is speaking of money, not talents as in giftedness. However, the fact is he divided his wealth "to every man according to his several ability".

ROM 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, ...

1CO 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

3. ACCOUNTABILITY

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

God expects you to use your gifts in ministry.

4. UTILIZATION

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

It is wrong to bury what God has given you. He invested in you expecting a return. Helping others with your gift.

5. MOTIVATION

Mat 25:25 "I was afraid"

Fear keeps you from using your gift. A man fearing spirit is nothing compared to standing before God empty handed.

1CO 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which [was bestowed] upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

6. APPLICATION

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

If you don't use your gifts you will lose them.

7. COMPENSATION

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.

If you use your gifts wisely you will be rewarded.

THREE REWARDS FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

8. AFFIRMATION - WELL DONE

9. PROMOTION - RULER OVER MANY THINGS

10. CELEBRATION - ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD.