

New Song Community Church
Sunday, March 1, 2020
“What’s in the Bag” Part 2

Introduction:

The combination of the two parables of the talents and sowing seed, give us some clarity of our responsibilities and opportunities to be used of God to build His kingdom in the lives of others. The most powerful principle that will garner us success, that was used by the one who received 5 talents was “immediately” he went to work. Procrastination or delay of action are two things that will cause us to experience the pain of defeat and delay of fulfilling our commitment to the Lord. In the same way that Jesus immediately responded to our prayer for salvation we should make Him first in everything that we do.

Lesson 1

As believers we must establish the value and meaning of the Word of God in our lives 2 Timothy 4:4

- A. Our involvement with the Word must be more than what we receive during a Sunday morning message. Before we leave church, we should ask the Holy spirit to reveal the one thing that He is desiring to change in our lives
- B. Ask the Lord, in prayer, to reveal to you any areas of hardness of heart toward spiritual things
- C. Make a plan to pursue and develop the one thing that you received from the message today in your life.

Lesson 2

We must be aware of the spirit of lawlessness that will prevail in the earth from all types of sources in the world 2 Thessalonians 2:5-12

- A. We must be aware of teachings and world philosophy that go against the principles of the kingdom
- B. Take an inventory of the things that you hear today through advertisement, media or conversations that are directly against the kingdom of God
- C. Ask the Holy Spirit for the boldness to speak up against the things that you know are contrary to the Word of God

Lesson 3

Take thought of where the Lord has brought you from by the power of His word. Ephesians 2:1-10

- A. Take an inventory of the things that Lord has delivered you from since you made your confession of hope in Jesus

- B. Take the time to address the issues with which you still struggle since your conversion that are trying to stifle the power of the Word in your life
- C. Take action against the things that you believe are choking out your commitment to Christ by compromising your relationship to Jesus

Lesson 4

Reaffirm your commitment to the Word of God through your denial of the things of the world that would try to dislodge your belief in Jesus

Philippians 3:1-11

- A. Make yourself aware of the things that you have achieved that could cause you to put confidence in your flesh over the power of the Holy Spirit working in your life
- B. Examine the soil of your heart for any foreign properties that would prevent the word of God to flourish without divided loyalties
- C. Look for opportunities to give a testimony to an unbeliever of the goodness of God in your life

Lesson 5

Embrace the principle of God's word regarding sowing and reaping

Galatians 6:7-10

- A. Take the time to inventory things that you might be doing in your life that would reap of harvest of a bad return
- B. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into doing things that will reap a harvest of spiritual blessings for yourself and others
- C. Look for an opportunity to sow goodness, kindness or financial blessing into someone's life anonymously

Lesson 6

Declare your belief and conviction about the goodness of God

Matthew 25:14-30

- A. Take the time to reflect on the opportunities and blessing that the Lord has given you without you asking for them
- B. In prayer, confess your feelings and thoughts that would make you doubt the Lord's goodness or fairness
- C. Take the time to list the things that turned out to be good that you thought were bad and you blamed God

One of the best things that we can glean from these two parables is that God knows what is best for us and will give us everything that we need to be successful. We must be on guard not to let the enemy of our soul convince us that God is not for us. That being said, take His million dollars and invest it and bring the Lord His increase, immediately!!