

The Ark – July 2, 2025

Praying the Word

Stewardship: Matthew 25:14-25 ESV (Parable of Talents)¹⁴ *“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants^[a] and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents,^[b] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.^[c] You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.*

- ⇒ The Biggest reason people don't give is because they are afraid.
- ⇒ Perhaps that's what giving is all about... learning to trust God with your money so He can prosper you.

LESSON

PRAYING THE WORD

GOD'S WORD IS POWERFUL...

Hebrews 4:12... ^{AMPC 12} *For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the ^[a]breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.*

God's words are:

- ⇒ **Alive**

- ⇒ Full of power
- ⇒ Active
- ⇒ Operative
- ⇒ Energizing

God words are a weapon (Sharper than any two-edged sword)

- ⇒ Dividing between soul and spirit
- ⇒ Exposing
- ⇒ Sifting
- ⇒ Analyzing
- ⇒ Judging your thoughts and purposes of your heart

*Ephesians 6:17-18 NIV Take the helmet of salvation and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. AND PRAY** in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

Why pray the Word of God?

Isaiah 55:11 Amp. So will My word be which goes out of My mouth; It will not return to Me void (useless, without result), Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

- ⇒ God has a plan a purpose (Jeremiah 29:11)
- ⇒ God reveals His plan or purpose to you
- ⇒ You pray that plan back to God
- ⇒ God activates His plan

2 Ways God reveals His Plan and Purpose:

1. Through His Word
2. Through His Spirit

Your potential...You are a born-again child of God. The moment you believed and asked Jesus to come into your life....HE DID.

- ⇒ Every time we pray the YES Prayer, we confess that we are a new creation... **but do you understand what that means?**
(2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.)

Two Gifts God Gives us:

Holy Spirit dwelling in you (John 14-16; Romans 8:9-11 But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then **even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life^[a] because of righteousness.** ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of^[b] his Spirit who lives in you.

The Holy Spirit leads us into the truth of the Bible (John 16:14 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.)

THE WORD – Filled with instruction; information; inspiration; direction.

What do we do with the Holy Spirit and the Word?

We listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit as we read and meditate on the Word of God.

We read – we make the choice to believe - we meditate on the Word – We speak the word – We pray the word.

We watch and listen for the Holy Spirit as we read the Word.

We allow the Holy Spirit to guide us.

There are hidden mysteries in every part of the Word of God...hidden promises...hidden blessings... BUT YOU WILL NEVER FIND THEM IF YOU DON'T READ THE WORD AND YOU WILL NEVER FIND GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR SITUATION OUTSIDE THE WORD OF GOD.

God speaks through His Word (the Bible).

God guides through His Word (the Bible)

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When we have a need, we must first find God's will....(1 John 5:14-15 ¹⁴ *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.* ¹⁵ *And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*)

IF IT IS WRITTEN IN THE WORD (IN CONTEXT)....IT IS GOD'S WILL...

*Isaiah 43:26 Put Me in remembrance;
Let us contend together;
State your case, that you may be [\[a\]](#)acquitted.*

How about when you are praying for someone in trouble, who does not know God?

*I LOVE THIS VERSE IN JOB WHEN I'M PRAYING FOR SOMEONE WHO IS NOT INNOCENT:
Job 22:30 Ampc He will even rescue the one (for whom you intercede) who is not innocent; And
He will be rescued through the cleanness of your hands.*