

Expectations in the Kingdom

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As we review the 13 parables related to the Kingdom of God, it is evident that there is an expectation imposed upon those who are members of the Kingdom - "Occupy or trade til I come." These were the commands issued to the servants under the rule of the master.

There is one example of servants who received "pounds" from their masters with the expectation they invest those resources in order to gain a profit. The masters in the parables both praised and rewarded those servants who were successful in their business ventures.

Those servants who failed to produce any profit for their masters were reprimanded and punished. The reprimand they received in the parable is due to their failure to act and for their excuses. The master of these servants refers to them as wicked for refusing to act.

The servants who succeeded were prized with additional authority and responsibility. The evidence in the parables indicates that our master expects us to succeed. Why shouldn't we succeed. We are indwelt by the triune God. We have become recipients of the fulness of God. We have received power upon our baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Scripture is clear regarding all the resources of heaven which have been lavished upon us so we can carry out God's divine task on the earth. We must not only appropriate those resources, but utilize them as we carry out God's will. May God help us to become channels of His life and power.