

LAZINESS & YOUR BURIED TREASURE



One man finds treasure hidden in a field and sells all that he has to buy the field. Another man has the treasure put right into his hands, and goes out, digs a hole and buries it.

Why does this man bury his treasure?

"For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money." (Matthew 25:14-18)

**This man buries his treasure ...
because he's too lazy to do anything with it.**

"Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 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.' 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. '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.' 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.' 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 did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'"
(Matthew 25:19-30)

The mercy of our Master is deeper than the sea. But once we have received his mercy, he expects us to walk in it, live it, do something with it!

His mercy does not warm to laziness.

The Master has little patience with a lazy mind.

He also said to the multitudes, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky; but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Luke 12:54-56

“If Brother Jones says it’s God’s will, it must be God’s will.”

Not necessarily. Brother Jones may have an agenda of his own. He might be dead wrong. And if we don’t use the brains God gave us to figure it out, we might just be following Brother Jones straight toward the Abyss.



Our Lord expects us to know a false prophet by the fruits of his life.

He expects us to think with sanctified brains.

A little child can see right through the “gospels” that many Christians are swallowing

...because they are too lazy to think.

"And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"

As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison.

I tell you, you will never get out till you have paid the very last copper."

Luke 12:57-59

The Master has little patience with a lazy body.

“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 did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’



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If we are sick or weary or heavily burdened, the Master offers us his Rest.

But if we are well and strong and just too lazy to take care of Kingdom Business, we are burying the treasure he has given us.

And we will answer for our sloth.

The Master has little patience with lazy prayers.

And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
(Matthew 26:40-41)

It's not that we sometimes fall asleep while we pray, it's that our waking prayers are often lazy prayers.

Words without thought. Sighs without focus.

We may be in our room with the door shut, praying to our Father in secret. But the Father looks into our hearts and sees only blank, shallow prayers.

Prayer is not easy.

Prayer is work.... the most important work we will ever do.

Lazy prayers are an insult to God and a disappointment to our Master.

Once the Lord Jesus puts into our hands the treasure of the Kingdom, it's time to live our days in the power of the Spirit---

---without sloth.

Prayer: Jesus our Master, Lord of Truth and Light, whatever unknowns we face ... be it disappointment, failure, persecution, abandonment, sickness, or death; We seek a faith that is not afraid to follow you into the unknown. We seek a faith that compels us to trust you, to cherish your words, to lay our lives before you; A faith that knows you will carry us through it all; A faith that cries out to you "Here I am Lord, I place my life in your hands." And Faithful Lord, when our faith falters, compel us to cry out to you "Master, Master we are perishing." Holy, trustworthy Lord, we know you will calm the storms, dispel all darkness and bring us joyfully into the light of life. Alleluia.

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