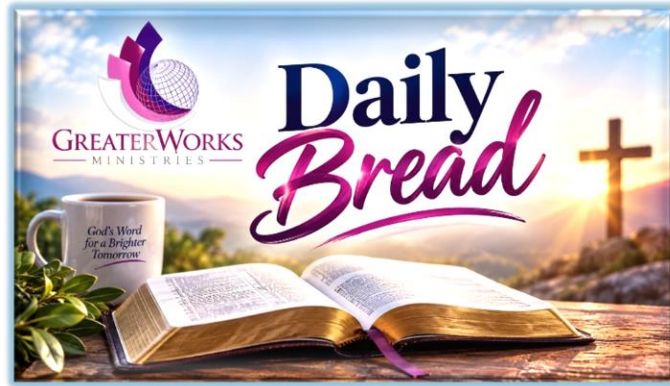




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SUCCESS TALK (PART 1)

MATHEW 25:14-31 (PARABLE OF The TALENTS)

The above scripture is a big lesson of life to everyone. Everything that we go through in life is covered in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Today we are going to draw some lessons from this story that our Lord Jesus Christ taught us.

The above parable says: A certain man was traveling to a faraway country, he divided his talents amongst his three servants. To one he gave five talents, to the other he gave two and to the other he gave one. Verse 15 says he distributed these talents according to their ability. Which means none of them had control as to how much he would receive.

When he (the master) came back after some years, he found out that the one with five had traded and got five more and the one who has two had also traded and got two more. Sadly, the one who had one talent did not do anything about it. He dug it in the ground until his master came. But today our focus is on the two guys who did well, we can learn something from them.

Both servants did well. They both received the same reward from the master. They both made the same percentage of the profit which is 100%...they both doubled the talents that they were given only that their numbers were different, the other one had four the other one had ten.

The master, in rewarding

them did not look at the number or the volume of what they each had but he looked at the principle. Both of them traded and made 100% profit. To the master's eyes they were both equal even though

they had different volumes or numbers. To him what was important was that they both doubled the talents that they received.

We learn here that success is not measured by numbers, it is measured by how you applied the principles. Some people are under pressure today because they measure their successes against the numbers of other people not knowing that they may be more successful than them only that the dimensions are different.

You do not measure success by matching the numbers of the people who look successful, you measure success by improving from your previous position. If you constantly move from one level to another on a daily basis, then you are successful.

Do you know that if you pray 15 minutes a day and you are adding a minute more on prayer daily, you are more successful than a person who has been praying for 1 hour for the past three years. Success here is therefore being able to beat your own record daily. **IT IS NOT ABOUT BEATING THE OTHER PERSON'S RECORD.** Success is about competing with yourself daily and win. Do not lose to yourself. If you lose to yourself, you have failed but if you constantly win against yourself that is what I will define as success.

Success is not the car you drive or the figures you have, success is what you did to get those figures. Success becomes therefore, the formula, the motivation and the process involved in getting that result not the result itself. The reason you have four talents is not because you did not work hard, you did and got 100% but it is because of your capital(background) you have absolutely no control over this. The reason the other guy has ten talents is not because he has worked harder than you, he actually is doing the same as you are doing but he only had a privilege of having more capital or a better privilege than yours but in God's eyes you are both successful and your reward is the same. In God's vocabulary, success is faithfulness to the set principle not to the results.

Being faithful is being successful. If you are faithful even to your spouse then you are successful.

If you are driving a broken second-hand car, it does not mean the one who is driving an expensive brand-new car is more successful than you. What will measure your success is the distance you both moved to get to that result. After this, someone must thank God more than always complaining. Look back and see what the Lord has done for you. Most people are succeeding in

life but they do not see it because they are constantly looking at matching someone else's success and forget to measure their own. **Hallelujah!**

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