

POSITION US TO TAKE CHARGE OF LIFE

People perish because of the lack of knowledge.

ANS must always rise to the top because whatever that is happening here opens up a pathway for people in the world. If we don't use what God has given to us, we will never be equipped for the journey. His way is to put into us the dimension in our life and grow the seed. If we don't grow the seed there will be no harvest. Many people are interested in the external but if internally nothing happens, there will be nothing in the external. If we want to be successful, God will deal with us first. Even though others have gone ahead of us, what God placed in us will equip us for the race; running the business, church or family. Everything starts from the inside. If we don't find the grace, it is because we never allow God to work deeper in our life.

If God can change us, He can cause His will and plan to work in our life. The work is not difficult. The making of the man is difficult. If the man is good, all things can be done.

Reading Text: Matthew 25:14 onwards

1. Word

It is no use giving us talents and words if we don't want to use it. If we don't use money to multiply, someone else will use it. God gives us things.

Mat 25:16 And going he who had received the five talents traded with them, and made another five talents.

We must use what God gives to us. If we trade it well, we will get results.

Mat 25:29 For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will abound. But from him who has not, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.

Mat 25:30 And throw the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

If we have and use what we have, more shall be given to us. Who is the one who gives? God gives. When He gives He gives in abundance. Whatever God has given to us, if we start using it and trading with it, more shall be given until we have abundance. But the one who does not do anything about it, even what he has will be taken away.

When God gives things to us, it is our pathway to go up higher. Many people become Christians and God bless them and put dimension in them, they become better for a while and become successful. After that they become busy doing the business instead of using the business for God.

The one with 5 talents made 5 more and the one with 2 made 2 more.

Mat 25:18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the earth and hid his lord's silver.

The reason why can't go higher is because we didn't use what God gives us. If we use it wisely, we will become better and better. If we fail to use what God has given to us, we won't go up. So use it well so that God can equip us.

Pattern what God is saying so that nobody can outsmart us. Men must see that we have God's word. By that word we can recreate the earth. Don't take what God has given to us and throw it away. Esau has the birthright but he had an immediate need and sold his birthright to Jacob. Don't sell the spiritual away. So many of us are wasting our lives. If we build our business and God is not there, it will collapse. If we don't have God, everything that we do will collapse. Only the words that we believe in our heart and written in our heart will work. If we don't do this, we will have all kinds of fears.

When people can't see things clearly, they will complain and they will see the negatives more and more. Then they will be at the cycle of death. The more we talk about the negatives, the more negative we become and we can undermine what God is doing in our life. Start using what God has given to us.

Mat 25:20 And so he who had received five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, Lord, you delivered five talents to me. Behold, I have gained five talents above them.

Mat 25:21 His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.

Mat 25:22 He also who had received two talents came and said, Lord, you delivered two talents to me. Behold, I have gained two other talents above them.

Mat 25:23 His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.

God is going to do an amazing work to upgrade us. God gives us talents according to our ability. Those who can do more God will give more. Those who can do less, He will not give us more. If we can handle 5, He will give us 5. The size of our business can only grow according to our ability. It is not about opportunity. It has to do with our ability. We have to find a way to solve a problem. Children are not a problem. They only become a problem if we don't know how to raise them up well. If the first one cannot rise, the second child will take all the attention away and there will be trouble. Having more children does not mean we are successful.

Mat 25:25 And I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the earth. Lo, you have yours.

Mat 25:26 His lord answered and said to him, Evil and slothful servant! You knew that I reaped where I did not sow, and gathered where I did not scatter,

Mat 25:27 then you should have put my money to the exchangers, and coming I would have received my own with interest.

When God put things into our life, He expects us to give Him back in a higher level. When He gives us opportunity we must do something good and do it well. The gifts and grace that God has given to us will take us up higher. Every day we must make sure God can sow something into our heart and life so that what we carry inside will make us a better person. When God speaks to us, live it, practice it continually. If we hear and eat what God is saying, we will be building a house that will not fall. The word is not just from Sunday morning. It has to come every day. How are we going up higher? Use God's word. It's no use learning so much and do nothing.

Everything that we think must be according to what God is saying. Everything that we tell somebody else must become God's word. When we come to ANS keep our ears and eyes open. God is looking for ways to deposit His word into our heart. No matter what we do, do this first. If we want to get married, start a business, have children, etc, hear what God is saying. Work with God. He is the best choice. What God is saying is important. What He say will allow us to go to the next level.

Mat 25:29 For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will abound. But from him who has not, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.

2. Time

God gives time to everyone in the same measure. Most people don't understand the value of time. Some people waste their time. We must take time and take back time from the enemy. We must put priority for God and not for anything else. If we make time for God, He will make time for us. Those who complain about not enough time, the real robber is not our work. If we choose God first, we will have more than enough time. The devil is the robber. We must find time to eat and rest. That's why sometimes God allows our business to collapse or else we will be in a wreck. We must find time. We must be able to cancel everything and anything to do what God wants.

3. Money

What we do with our money will either bring us up or bring us down. God gives to us according to our ability. God doesn't give us a million because we cannot handle the position. Some of us will miss the road when God gives us the million. When we are honorable, God will give us the power to make wealth. When some of us are blessed too early, their heart will sway and become greedy. When we know how to handle mammon, then God will give. If mammon can control our mind, feel and think, it will rule over our lives. We must not fear to come in the place of complete trust in God. Everyone has trouble with money. But if we have overcome it, this trouble will be the last thing in our mind. Or else we will keep running for money. When God gives us money, it will prove who we are. The way we handle money, budgeting, accounts, etc will reveal who we are.

4. Relationship

If we use relationship well, we can go up higher. If we don't know who to build relationship, ask someone who can help us and teach us. God wants us to have good friends and family and people who care for us and protect us. If we misuse the relationship, we will go down. God gives to us what we can handle; not too much and not to less.

5. Corporate identity / Kingdom Identity

We will know who we are in God. This will help us go up higher. If we know who we are, we will not be afraid of other people. This is not arrogance. This is confidence. Some people have arrogance in their character but to know our identity in God is confidence; not arrogance. We don't have to push ourselves and show off. People will know who we are. The devil will also know who we are. Ultimately people will find out who we are. We are who we are by the grace of God. If we take our stand in righteousness, everything will bow.

God gives these things to us to build us up higher. IF we use them well, we can make our way prosper and no one can stop it. Serve God in this manner and we will be protected; our lives, family, children, etc. Don't compromise on His word. Don't waste time, money, relationship and move here and there to find out who we are. Jesus has done a complete work. We can trust Him for the rest. Trust His word, His Presence, His Work, His Wisdom and all things will work well. Give our lives back to God.