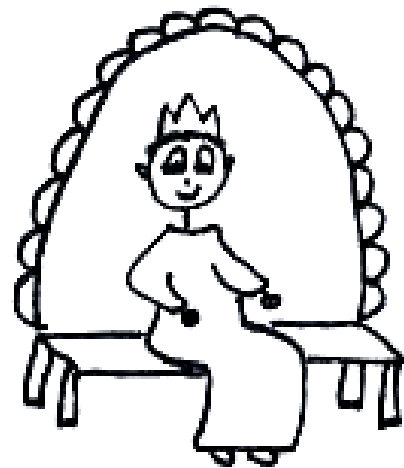


Steward's of God's Grace

Part 2

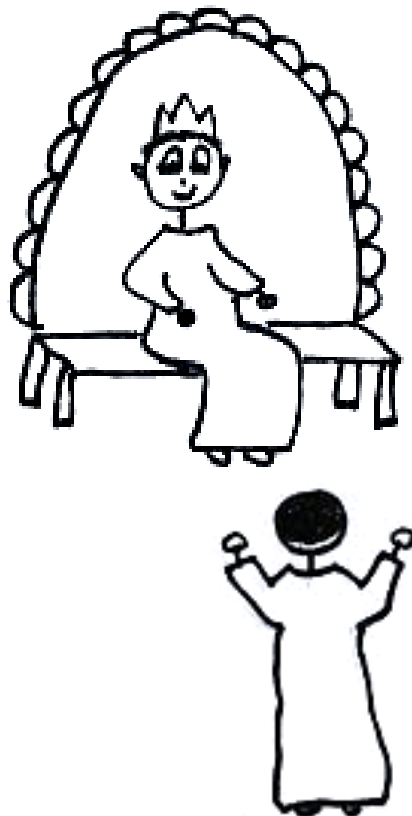
Luke 19:15 When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done.

In the parable, a value was placed on what the slaves had done; they were evaluated. Jesus Christ will evaluate us from His Judgment Seat, also called the Bema Seat. He will see if the things we did were with His grace and the power of the Holy Spirit OR with our human power; He'll check to see if we performed divine good works OR human good works. People are given different talents, gifts, and time. So, we can't compare ourselves with each other. However, we are all given grace! We will be judged on how faithful we were in using what God gave us to live the spiritual life.



Luke 19:16 They first appeared, saying, "Master, your mina has made ten minas more."

This evaluating is a personal issue between the master and the slave. The slave was representing himself before the master. We represent ourselves before the Lord. A good steward of grace produces divine good fruit that will be evaluated at the Judgment Seat of Christ - Bema Seat. When God's grace is the source of any production by His creature, it reflects His glory. The greater the stewardship of God's grace is in our lives, the greater the reflection of His glory - both in time and in the eternal state. God is simply trying to reveal His glory to His creatures. God does the work, we receive the benefits and He gets the glory! Awesome!



Luke 19:17-19 And he said to him, "Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities [reference to the Millenium]." The second came, saying, "Your mina, master, has made five minas," and he said to him also, "And you are to be over five cities."

In handing out grace and blessings, God's own integrity demands that there be a balance of labor done with the filling of the Holy Spirit and grace. In the parable, the steward who had 10 minas received ten cities; the one who had 5 minas, received 5 cities. The Lord rewards those who live by means of faith -Bible doctrine, grace. He rewards them with more grace because they have the capacity! We all have the same opportunity to receive all God has planned for us!



As new believers, we are in training. Our service is learning the Word of God and His plan. As we grow in the spiritual life, our service increases. Just like plants in the garden, it takes time for us to grow in the spiritual life. God provides the land. We're each given a unique plot of land that must be worked. This is God's plan for our life. Therefore, the person, the plot and the labor are all unique and perfectly chosen by God for His maximum glory! We're given the seed, the sun, the rain, and the nutrients. These are found in the filling of the Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine and the ten problem solving tools!* It's up to us to use what He gives us and have a lovely garden in our souls!

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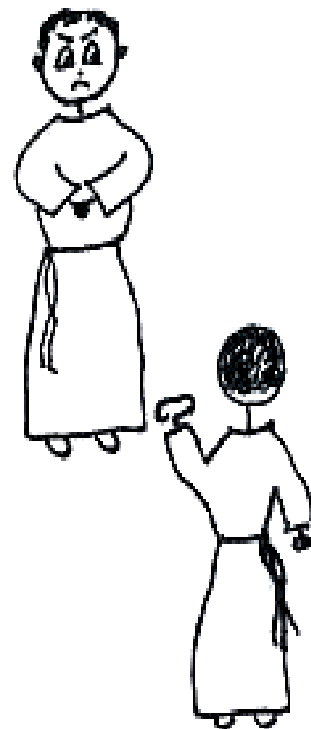


1 Corinthians 3:6-9 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth....

Luke 19:20-21 Another came, saying, "Master, here is your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief; for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man [harsh]; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow." [Blaming the nobleman, he keeps talking and tells the nobleman why he didn't make money.]

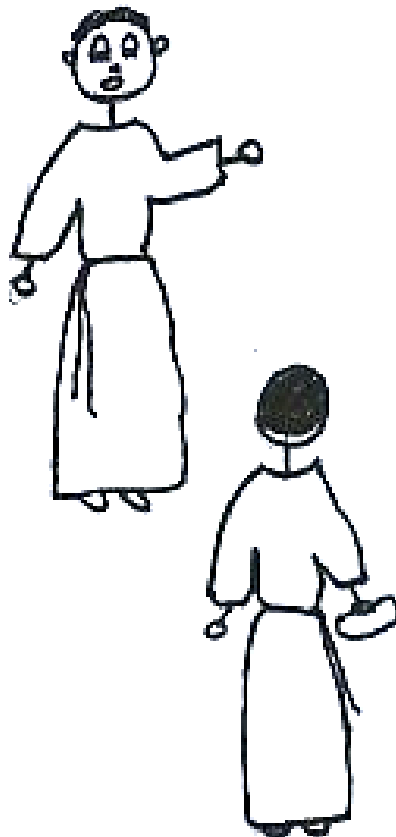
Putting the mina (grace) away in a handkerchief is not living by means of grace; this is something a poor steward does. We are here to be witnesses in the *Angelic Conflict** and to bring glory to God. We can only bring glory to God through His grace. The slave, a believer, is not complimenting the nobleman. He blames his master for his problems! He forgets who gave him the money! He doesn't have authority-orientation. ** The steward did not use wisely what his master gave him. This slave represents the believer with negative volition who rejects God's grace and rejects the opportunity to bring glory to God!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *The Dispensation of the Church Age*, and *Looking At History Through God's Timeline*. **Read *Authority Rules*.



Luke 19:22-23 He said to him, "by your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?"

Remember, the slave was given the money by his master! It was a gift! He didn't use the money wisely. He was afraid of his master when he should have been grateful to him. The master judged the slave by the slave's own words. "Since you knew what kind of a master I am, why didn't you at least put the money in the bank?" The slave didn't have a good answer. When any of us decide to turn to the flesh, our selfish way of thinking, we will fail. We're relying on fake wisdom. We need to focus on Jesus Christ and His true wisdom so we don't live in our own arrogance - our selfish ways!



Luke 19:24-25 Then he said to the bystanders, "Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas." And they said to him, "Master, he has ten minas already."

The flesh hates grace! Under the principles of grace, the nobleman, a reference to Jesus Christ, has the sovereign right to both remove the mina from the unfaithful steward and to give it to the faithful steward. We have no right to demand what others have. The bystanders are seeing how those who follow the master are blessed. However, they are preoccupied with their flesh. Because they are preoccupied, they are missing out on how the plan of God really does work. They could be learning how to experience God's grace - His loving gifts to us!



If we are negative to doctrine, we lose the ability to use the grace gifts. We don't have the capacity to use what God wants to give us. That's a real problem! The bystanders are certainly negative to Bible doctrine! They have lost the ability to use God's grace gifts because of their attitudes. They are jealous of what the faithful stewards are receiving. Their old sin natures become preoccupied with those around them because they want to compete. How exhausting! Life is not a competition!

Bystanders' Casualties:

Missing the fundamental principles being taught,

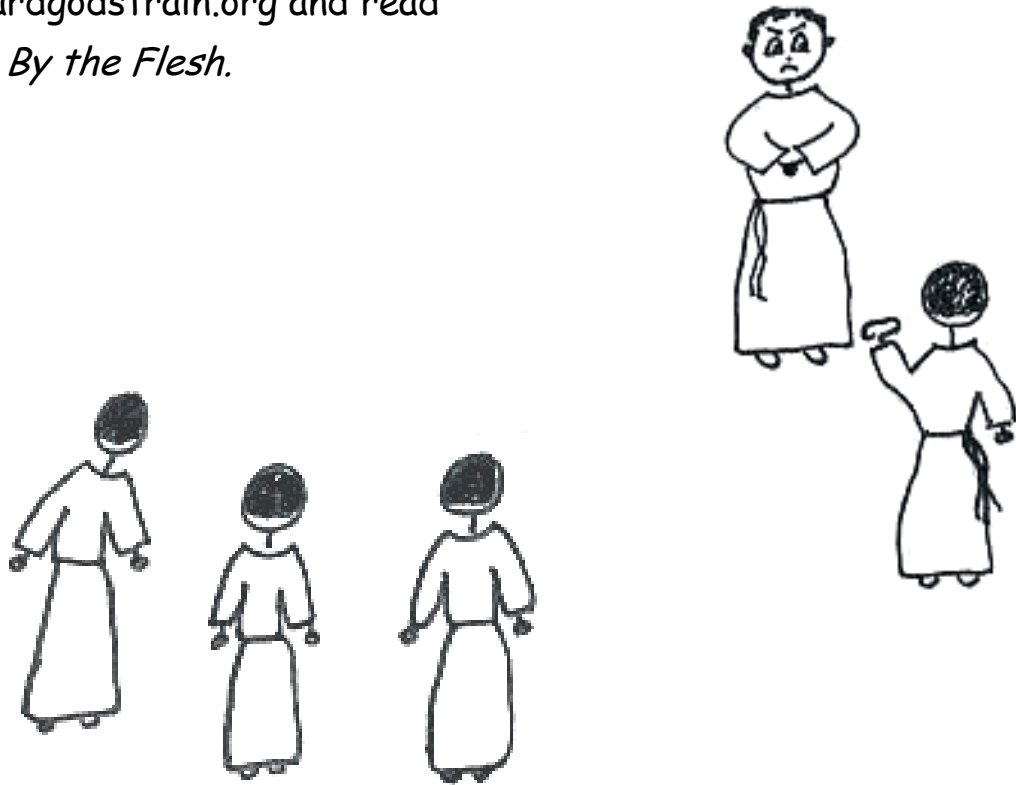
Missing the joy in seeing another be blessed out,

Missing the inherent encouragement in witnessing God's grace in action.



Are the bystanders having a problem with the fact that the unfaithful steward is losing his money? NO! They really don't care if he fails. They are focused on the faithful steward! They're focused on the fact that the faithful steward is receiving yet another mina! They are jealous of the steward being graced out! If you are operating in grace - being graced out - and those around you are not, they will be upset with you! Remember, the flesh hates grace!*

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Know No Man By the Flesh*.



Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.
Romans 1:12 ...that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

Luke 19:26 "I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away."

The bystanders are in the wake, or track left behind, of the slaves living in God's grace. However, they are missing out on grace upon grace, the joy in seeing another be blessed out, and seeing God's grace in action. They are focused on their flesh. The nobleman, Jesus Christ, is pulling in the bystanders with his staff, Bible doctrine, bringing them near to Him. He is trying to teach them grace upon grace. He gently applies pressure to the bystanders, the sheep, before they wander.*

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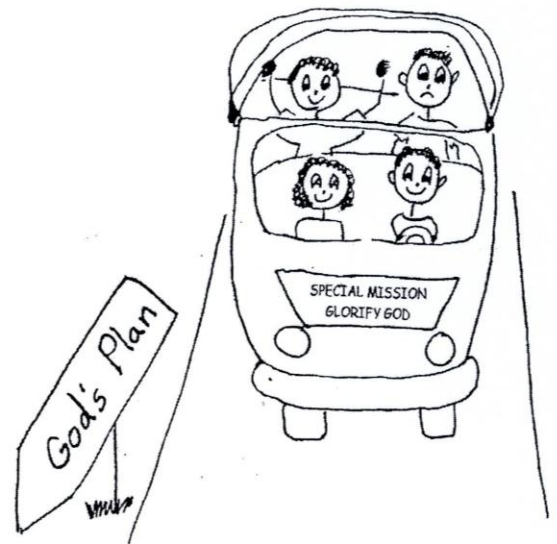
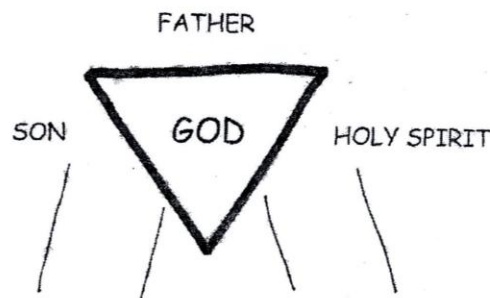
Bystanders' Summary:

- The Lord Jesus Christ specifically involves them (Luke 19:24).
- They react with worldly viewpoint (Luke 19:25).
- They are witnesses of "grace upon grace" (Luke 19:26).



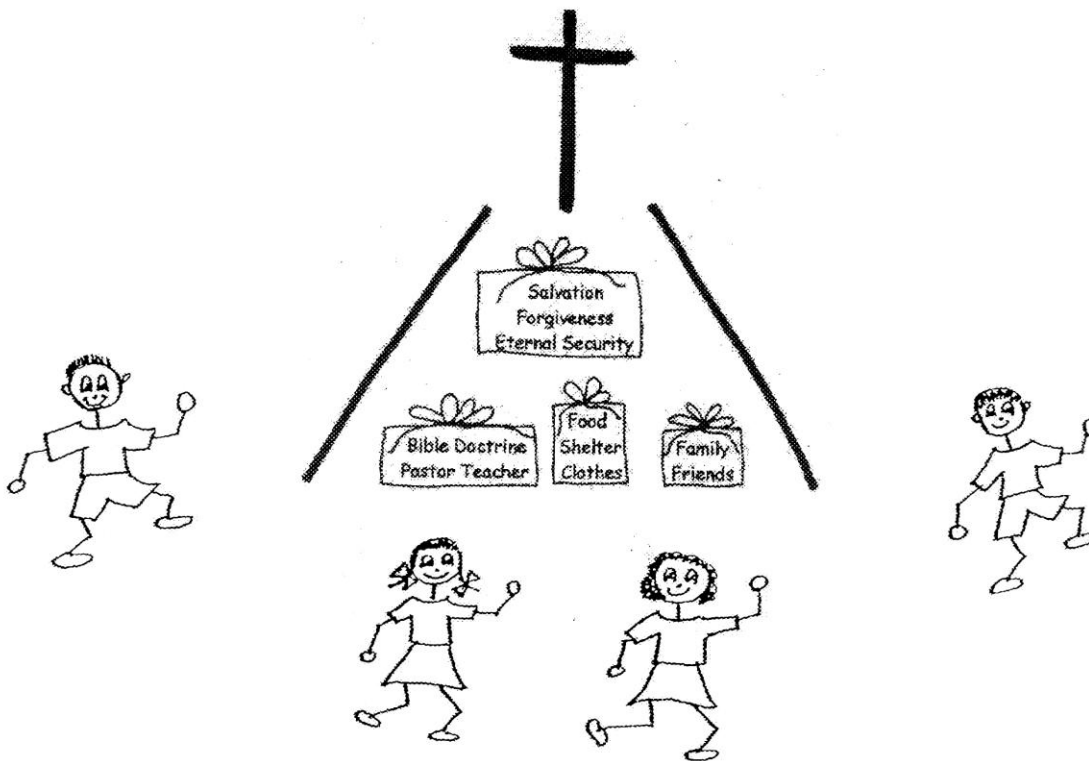
Jesus Christ wants us to use HIS GRACE, HIS STUFF. Use the building blocks of the spiritual life labeled "By the grace of God". One of the greatest mistakes in Christianity is believing we can change ourselves. When we are arrogant or self-centered, we work in our flesh. * Our eyes are on ourselves. The faithful steward has his eyes on His Master. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the building blocks of grace will change us; the Holy Spirit will build loyalty, integrity, virtue, honesty, respectfulness and many other things in our souls! ** Glory be to God!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *What Or Who Reigns Over Your Soul*.
**Read *Living With Virtue and Integrity vs. Living Without Virtue and Integrity*.



Colossians 2:6-7 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

When you possess grace, you possess capacity for life! You are free to fall in love with your niche, God's special place for you, and see how personable it is! When you are operating in your niche using the Bible doctrine in your soul, you have the capacity to see things clearly - for what they really are. You have a good view of what is going on around you. You see things that those without Bible doctrine can't see. If you guard the light, bible doctrine, in your soul, the light in your soul guards you! Satan wants us to believe the lies and not to live in God's grace! God wants us to be faithful stewards with His grace!



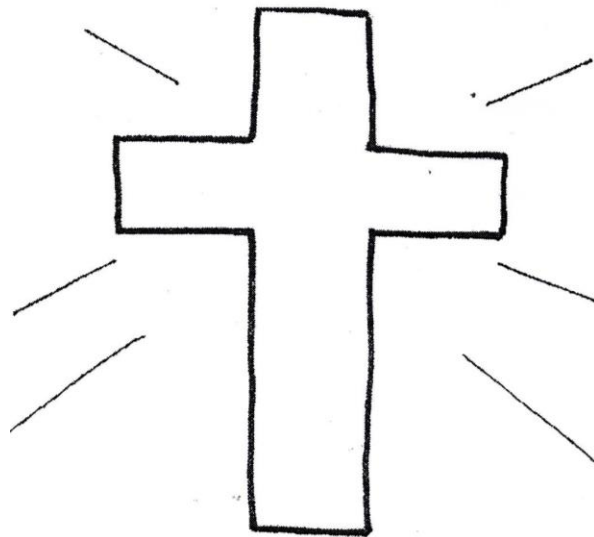
Ephesians 5:13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light ["for everything that becomes visible is light" refers to the fact that divine perception reveals the true nature of an object, whether it's good or bad, truth is always light].

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God [the humanity of Jesus Christ], as beloved children; and walk in love [virtue love], just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Grace is freedom, security, contentment, strength, divine viewpoint, stability, virtue, rapport, true love - for starters! True love doesn't expect anything in return because it's a state of mind - not a business transaction! Love, being the ultimate expression of Bible doctrine circulating in the soul, isn't concerned with return on investment. It's simply thrilled to be expressed! Grace gives freely! True virtue overflows to those around us.

Grace is God's expression of love!

Let's be good and faithful stewards of His grace!



1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not

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Questions For Discussion

1. How will Jesus Christ evaluate us at the Bema Seat?
2. Will our evaluation be a personal issue? What does that mean?
3. How do we bring glory to God?
4. What kind of service is expected of new believers?
5. What determines the amount of grace we experience?
6. What was wrong about the slave or steward putting away his mina in a handkerchief?
7. Does God have a right to give out grace the way He sees fit?
8. What happens when we are negative to Bible doctrine?
9. In the parable, what are the bystanders missing? On what are they focusing?
10. Why do we need capacity for life from Bible doctrine and the filling of the Holy Spirit?
11. What is grace?



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