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KINGDOM PROSPERITY

God has given each of “the measure of faith.” We see that in Romans 12:3 where it says, **“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”**

This “measure of faith” caused us to believe in the gospel and receive salvation. Yet, God does not want us to stay stagnant. Faith is an action word. It can die if it is not put into action. God expects us to use our faith to bring increase in our lives and in the lives of others. As we see from the parables of the talents, (Matthew 25:14-30) God distributed to one servant five talents. To another servant two talents, and to one to his servants one talent. They knew they were supposed to take what God had given them and bring increase. They were to make a profit from what God gave them.

Their master did not come back to reckon the “books” right away. He gave them plenty of time to bring increase from what he had given them. The one with five talents doubled his five and was told **“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”** (Matthew 25:21.) The master represents God, and God was pleased that the man did something with what he was given. The man that was given two talents doubled his two also. He also gained praise from the master [God] and was told **“Well done thou good and faithful servant.”** (Matthew 25:23.)

Then the man that was given only one talent, which was not a lot of responsibility, came and he told his master (God) that he was afraid, and he had hidden the talent and did nothing with it. His master was angry that he had not done anything with it and took the one talent and gave it to the one that now had ten. This fearful, lazy, servant was called **“unprofitable”** in verse 30 and was cast into outer darkness. [Hell.]

This parable lets me know without a doubt that God wants us to take what he has given us, whether it is little or much, and cause it to multiply. He wants us to prosper for his kingdom. We must remember that each of us has been given “the measure of faith” so there is no excuse for not bringing God increase.

When people speak against prosperity, they are denying what God tells us in the scripture. Now, there are those that prosper and do not use it for the kingdom of God, but those that prosper and further God’s kingdom are called good and faithful servants. We must be careful not to equate prosperity with being spiritually right with God. We are to prosper by being faithful with what we have been given so that we can further the gospel into the world and not build our own kingdom.

I shudder to think of those that have been given talents by God and do nothing with them. Their future, unlike the faithful servants that brought increase, is not a place anyone would want to go. We must use what God gives us wisely and pray for increase so we, too, will be looked upon as good and faithful servants.