



# Harvesting Your Treasure

**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.” (Matthew 13:44).**

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“Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 25:24-30).

Jesus’ parables of the talent and of the kingdom reveals that:

- 1) Everybody is endowed with a quantity of talents proportional to his/her abilities, but we have a responsibility to invest the talents both to retain and grow them. A person who fails to develop his/her talents end up losing them and being punished for negligence.
- 2) Our perception of the value of the talents, recognition of the potentials and willingness to take calculated investment risks determine the level of profit we make from the talents.
- 3) God has put treasures and goodly pearls in fields and elsewhere for anyone to find. However ignorance and laziness can keep some people from discovering them, or if they discovered, from recognising their value. [Recount the story of explorers who found children playing with precious diamond worth millions of dollars, which they thought were mere rock pebbles and exchanged them to the explorers for cookies, that would have

**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it” (Matthew 13:45,46).**

been worth nothing compared to the value of the diamond].

- 4) “It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter” (Proverbs 25:2). This is why Solomon’s admonition in Proverbs 4:5-9 is so important to success “Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee”.
- 5) Those who acquired the treasure and goodly pearl had to sell all they had to purchase them. This is an important principle - you cannot get something of significant value for nothing. There is a price to pay for success. There is no crown without a cross. Some remain in poverty, failure and defeat because of unwillingness to pay the required price to obtain them. They are perpetually “waiting for God” to rain down manna from heaven, when God is waiting for them to take the necessary actions.

You are a walking treasure on this earth, but until you recognise, value and ‘harvest’ your treasure you will remain in your current situation / circumstances rather than rising up to possess your possessions in Christ (Obadiah 1:17). [Salient points from the KFC story].