



# Grace Fellowship of Morehead, KY

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# being FAITHFUL to INCREASE

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The past couple weeks we have been discussing God's plan for our live is experiencing victory.  
***He has set us up to prosper and increase.***

We went through two different "circles" that's complete purpose is to bring us to INCREASE in life. Based on Romans 5 and Romans 8.

**NOW:** I know that so many of us struggle because we are experiencing anything and everything BUT victory and increase.

Increase—health—mental health—safety—all of His promises.  
I get it...it is tough...and frustrating!

The past week we have discussed cultivating a lifestyle of thanksgiving is essential in enjoying a life of increase.

I want to go to another level...an important level in enjoying victory.

**REMEMBER:** We discussed how important it was to make it around the circles...it is a fight, but one we MUST complete.

Well, that is kind of where we want to go.

Matthew 25:14-28 – The story of the stewards (servants).

**NOTICE:** All of the servants were given blessings from the MASTER. Something they didn't have...now they had.

**BELOVED:** That took them from being a servant to being a steward.

When ever you have been GIVEN ANYTHING from the MASTER...you have become a steward of those things He has given to you.

Talents—finances—jobs—cars—houses—family—friends—etc.

**UNDERSTAND:** What the MASTER gave at the beginning...was NOT His full plan.

**THINK OF THE BEGINNING:** The Garden of Eden was NOT the end result...it was just the beginning...Adam and Eve were to subdue the earth...increase the earth.

**HOWEVER:** They were NOT found faithful with what they were given.

**NOTICE:** What was necessary for the stewards/servants to increase! They HAD to be found faithful over what they had been given.

If they were not faithful with what had been placed in their hands...then what had been placed in their hands WAS TAKEN AWAY.

Proverbs 28:20 – “A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.”

**“Abound”** – to increase; to multiply by tens of thousands; plenteous, populous, too many!

**QUESTION:** How much healing do you want?

**QUESTION:** How much financial blessing to you want?

**QUESTION:** How much mental health do you want?

**QUESTION:** How much safety do you want?

**WELL:** Faithfulness is the KEY.

1 Corinthians 4:2 – “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

If you have been blessed with ANYTHING from God...it isn't just COOL that you be faithful...it is required. Just like the three servants/stewards.

**“Faithful”** – the quality of being loyal and steadfast.

It really brings out the point of being constant...no matter what...even if it is inconvenient.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

57 But **thanks be to God**, which **giveth us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 **Therefore**, my beloved brethren, **be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

**NOTICE:** We are to give thanks...but we are also suppose to be steadfast...why?

**Victory and abounding!**

**BELOVED:** We are called to be faithful!

Not just for God's and other's benefits...but so that we can increase and succeed.

## Being a Faithful Steward

We have seen this terminology used several times today.

But what it comes down to is that whatever God has blessed us with, it is our requirement to take care of those things.

- \* Your children. To raise them, feed them, cloth them, most importantly...

Proverbs 22:6 – “**Train up a child in the way he should go**: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Ephesians 6:4 – “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but **bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.**”

**NEVER** prioritize others things above the things of God, when it comes to your children. It is your requirement.

**LITERALLY** the only thing you can take to heaven with you is your kids.

- \* Your house. Take care of it!

If you don't care for your own house...how can God trust you with His.

- \* Your car.

- \* Your job.

Colossians 3:23,24

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

- \* Your church...pastor...etc.

Literally, everything you have...you are a faithful steward of...not part-time, but faithful.

## Faithful to Your Calling

I know that everything else I am going to talk about fits under the umbrella of being a steward, but they need to be brought out separately.

### Ephesians 4:1,2

- 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,**
- 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

If God has called you to do it...do it.

**Don't just do it...do it with excellence.**

What talent do you have? What have you been given?

It isn't just cool that you use it...it is required you use it.

## Faithful to Relationships

**NOW:** You know that this isn't something that Pastor Thad can just take a few minutes to go through...because we are talking about covenant.

**YES,** we are to be faithful to our covenant partners:

### a.) Our spouses.

**BELOVED:** This does NOT just mean to not sleep around on them.

It means to be a steward of them. Watch over them...take care of them...prefer them above yourself (Romans 12:10).

### Ephesians 5:22,25

- 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
- 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

When you get married...whether you like it or not...you become the steward/caretaker of your spouse.

If they succeed...it is in your hands.

If they prosper...it is in your hands.

They become your responsibility.

### b.) Our friendships.

When God connects you with others...friends/church members/pastors...they become your responsibility.

**OBVIOUSLY** this doesn't mean that you can't have more than one covenant friend...but it does mean that you show up for them.

Ephesians 4 – Two are better than one...good reward for their labor (increase).

Proverbs 27:10 – **"Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not;** neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: **for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off."**

Vs. 9 tells us they are good for council.

**BELOVED:** This goes back to the fact that you are a steward over your friends...your covenant partners.

If they succeed...it is in your hands.

If they prosper...it is in your hands.

(**NOTE:** You can lead a horse to water, you can't make them drink.)

**IN BOTH RELATIONSHIPS:** Don't be unequally yoked.

## Faithful in Giving

I mean that is what Matthew 25 is all about...how you spend your money. Everyone wants to preach or believe prosperity...until it comes down to you being faithful with the money you have. Generous with it.

### Philippians 4:14-19

- 14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did **communicate with my affliction**.
- 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, **no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only**.
- 16 For even in **Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity**.
- 17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.
- 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, **an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God**.
- 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**NOTICE:** They took responsibility for Paul and his ministry.

If his ministry failed...it was their fault. They wouldn't let him fail.

**NOTICE:** But the church at Thessalonica isn't giving (whiny voice)...doesn't matter...it becomes your responsibility.

But we don't have as much as the Philippi church.

### 2 Corinthians 8:1-2

- 1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;
- 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

They didn't have much...but they considered themselves stewards over Paul and his ministry. Stewards over the money they did have.

2 Corinthians 11 – Paul apologized to the Corinthian church for not teaching them to be faithful with their money.

Tithing-giving-spending!

## Faithful to Obey

Yup! Here we go. If the Word says it...we do it. We are steadfast to do it...faithful to do it.

John 14:15 – "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

"**Keep**" – do it, all the time

Someone who obeys the Word 90% of the time...is disobedient. Not faithful!

I want to bring this to you...there are things that we are working on in life...things that we are being perfected in...

What we are talking about today isn't necessarily going heaven (though faithfulness is a key for that too)...but for increasing and walking in victory.

James 4:17 – "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

When you know what you are suppose to do...and you still don't do it...that is when you are unfaithful to your Ultimate Covenant Partner.

**NOTICE:** OLD COVENANT when Moses was going through the wilderness:

The second time he came to a ROCK where the people were thirsty, and God told him to SPEAK TO THE ROCK (Numbers 20), he was NOT faithful to the Word that God gave him...it mattered!

**BELOVED:** When you are suppose to tithe or give...and you know what you are suppose to do... there are others counting on your obedience.

When you are suppose to use your talents for God...there are others counting on your obedience.

When you are suppose to go to church...there are others counting on your obedience.

Most importantly...God.

What happens when you are disobedient?

## Faithful in the Little

BUT Pastor Thad...I'm not very talented...very rich...very anything.

Luke 16:10-12

- 10 He that is ***faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much***: and he that is ***unjust in the least is unjust also in much***.
- 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?
- 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

The steward that was given TWO...was given LESS than half of what the first steward was given. Apparently, he had NOT been overly faithful previously...but faithful enough to have more than the third steward.

He was faithful enough to put the two talents to work.

Whereas the third steward was NOT faithful with what he had at all.

When all was said and done...the one who started out with just a little more, ended up with a lot more, and the unfaithful steward ended up with NOTHING.

### **Start with what you have.**

- 1.) Clean your house.
- 2.) Clean your car/maintain it.
- 3.) Do favors for your spouse.
- 4.) Ask your pastor how you can use your gift for the church...today.
- 5.) Start sharing Jesus on your own...today.
- 6.) Sow a seed today...bring your tithe today.

**NOTE:** The third steward didn't do anything with his money because he knew the Master would not do anything with it.

- 7.) You know that thing that God has been telling you to do? You feel crumby every time the Pastors bring it up? Do it today.