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| 1 | **Successful Workers In The Lord’s Kingdom- Part 1**  **Matthew Chapter 10** |
| 2 | **Context of Matthew Chapter 10**  **Jesus was teaching** and ***“proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom”*** and ***“healing every kind of disease… sickness”*** (Matthew 9:35; cf., Luke 16:16; Mark 1:38)  **Lost sheep** who Jesus saw as a “***plentiful… harvest”*** as **Jesus called for more workers**. (Matthew 9:36-38)  **Is there still a *“plentiful harvest”*** and a **need for more (“fellow”) workers!** (Philippians 2:20-21; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Corinthians 3:9) |
| 3 | **Attributes of Successful Workers In The Lord’s Kingdom** |
| 4 | **#1 - Have Compassion (Mercy) For the Lost (vs. 7)**  Jesus saw the multitudes as:   * ***“Distressed”*** - “lit. harassed”. “Vexed and troubled…” (Strong) * ***“Dispirited” or “Downtrodden”*** - “lit. thrown down”. “A deliberate hurl” (Strong) Cast aside and scattered. * ***“Sheep without a shepherd”*** - lacking guidance & direction. (Ezekiel 34:1-16; 1 Peter 2:25) |
| 5 | **#1 - Have Compassion (Mercy) For the Lost (vs. 7)**   * **Jesus’ compassion/mercy for them**. Sympathetic, pitiable. Mercy is to be “actively compassionate”… “pity manifested”. * **Do we think about the lost and how so?** * **What are the consequences? Are we ok with that? Was Jesus?** * **Will we seek the lost? We have good news for them!** (Luke 15; 2 Kings 7:9; Matthew 22:9; Mark 5:19; cf., 1:45) |
| 6 | **#2 - Belief that there is yet a harvest. (vs. 7)**  Will anyone respond? ***“Few”*** doesn’t mean **“none”.**  (Luke 13:23-24)  **Do we believe someone who is lost will respond**?  **Our duty to simply sow and water**. (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)  **Do we believe there are any consequences** of not being part of the harvest? (Matthew 13:41-43)  **Our work (if done by faith) will not be in vain**.  (1 Corinthians 15:58) |
| 7 | **#3 - Answer The Call! (vs. 7)**  ***“Here I am, send me!”*** (Isaiah 6:8)  Is God ***“at work”*** in us to ***“work for His good pleasure”***? (Philippians 2:12-13; cf., Hebrews 13:21)  **Be useful not useless!** (2 Timothy 2:21; Matthew 25:30; John 15:2)  **All are needed**. (Ephesians 4:16)  ***“Abounding…”*** (1 Corinthians 15:58) |
| 8 | **#4 - Be Willing To Sacrifice (vs. 2-4)**  **Jesus called the twelve who left everything to follow Him.** (Matthew 4:20-22; Luke 18:28-29)  **Example of Elisha**. (1 Kings 19:16, 19-21)  **The apostle Paul**. (Philippians 3:7-8)  **All who walk by faith**. (Hebrews 11)  **Deny self, take up our cross daily and follow Jesus.** (Luke 9:23-24) |
| 9 | **#5 - Preach The Kingdom (vs. 7)**  **As opposed to…**  **The focus of Jesus ministry. (Luke 16:16;  Matthew 5:3, 10; 6:33; 7:21)**  **It was *“at hand”* (Mark 9:1) but now here! (Col. 1:13).**  **Now, we offer our thankful & reverent service to God. (Hebrews 12:28; Colossians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 6:9)**  **Our focus to be on the *“eternal kingdom”.* (2 Peter 1:11; cf., 2 Timothy 4:18; 1 Corinthians 15:24)** |