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| 1 | **Successful Workers In The Lord’s Kingdom- Part 2**  **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 (Matthew 9:36)**  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. 36)**   * **Jesus’ compassion/mercy for them**. Sympathetic, pitiable. Mercy is to be “**actively compassionate**”… it is “**pity manifested**”. (Luke 6:36; Colossians 3:12) * **Do we think about the lost and the consequences? Are we ok with that?**  (cf., Philippians 3:18-19; Matthew 5:7) |
| 6 | **#1 - Have Compassion (Mercy) For the Lost (vs. 36)**   * **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) * Why wouldn’t we? Why don’t we?   + **Selfishness** (2 Timothy 3:2; Philippians 2:3-5)   + **Carnal mindset** (Colossians 3:1-2; Philippians 3:19)   + **Doubt the power of God’s word** (Romans 1:16; Isaiah 55:10-11)   + **Someone else’s responsibility**.   + **Forget our own salvation**. (Matthew 18:21ff; 2 Peter 1:9) |
| 7 | **#2 - Belief that there is yet a harvest. (vs. 37)**  **Do we believe someone who is lost will respond**? **Will anyone respond**? ***“Few”*** doesn’t mean **“none”.** (Luke 13:23-24)  **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) |
| 8 | **#3 - Answer The Call! (9:38; 10:5)**  ***“Here I am, send me!”*** (Isaiah 6:8; cf., Matt. 4:18-20)  Is God ***“at work”*** in us to ***“work for His good pleasure”***? (Philippians 2:12-13; cf., Heb. 13:21)  **Not useless!** (2 Tim. 2:21; Matt. 25:30; John 15:2)  **Avoid excuses**. (Exodus 4:14)  ***“The proper working of each (every) individual…”*** (Ephesians 4:16)  ***“Abounding…”*** (1 Corinthians 15:58) |