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| 1 | **Successful Workers In The Lord’s Kingdom- Part 6**  **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 | **Keys To Being Successful Workers  Matthew Chapter 9-10**  **#1 - Have Compassion (Mercy) For the Lost** (9:36)  **#2 - Belief that there is yet a harvest.** (9:37)  **#3 - Answer The Call!** (9:38; 10:5)  **#4 - Be willing to sacrifice.** (10:2-4)  **#5 - Study/Learn/Be Taught** (10:5)  **#6 - Preach The Kingdom** (10:7)  **#7 - Bless as you’ve been blessed** (10:8)  **#8 - Don’t’ worry/Be distracted** (10:9-10) |
| 5 | **#9 - Don’t cast pearls before swine.** (10:11-15)  **#10 - Use spiritual discernment** (10:16-18)  **#11 - Trust in God’s revealed will.** (10:19-20)  **#12 - Love God more than all.** (10:21)  **#13 - Endure to the end.** (10:22)  **#14 - Time is of the essence.** (10:23)  **#15 - Emulate Our Teacher & Master** (10:24-25)  **#16 - Be bold & confident** (10:26-28) |
| 6 | **#17 - Remember God Is In Control** (10:29-31)  *“Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground* ***apart from your Father****. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31* ***So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows****.”*   * **God knows and cares** for His saints. (1 Peter 5:6-7; Mark 4:38-41) * **God alone (yet) rules among all the nations**. (Psalms 47; 66:5-7) |
| 7 | **#18 - Open Allegiance To The Lord** (10:32-33)  *“Therefore* ***everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven****. But* ***whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven****.”*   * **Confession** *- “to speak the same thing… agree with… assent”. (Matthew 16:16)* * **Will we deny Him?** (Matthew 26:35, 72; Titus 1:16) * **Don’t be ashamed!** (2 Timothy 1:8ff; Mark 8:38; Romans 1:16) |
| 8 | **#19 - Lose our life** (10:37-39)  *He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.* ***He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it****.”*   * What does that mean? (cf., vs. 32) Where is our focus? What “life”? How does the world teach/suggest/promoting **“finding oneself”?** What kind of sacrifices? * Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 4:3, 18-19; Philippians 1:21; 2 Corinthians 8:5) |
| 9 | **#20 - Focus On The Reward** (10:41-42)  *“He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive* ***a prophet's reward****; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive* ***a righteous man's reward****. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”*   * And have fellowship in the work. (Galatians 6:6) * Responsibility of all to do what we can. (Ephesians 4:11-16) * Our labor will not be in vain if we commit to “*abounding in the work of the Lord*”. (1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 3:24) |
| 10 | **Developing A “Mind To Work”**  Great things can be accomplished with a “***mind to work***”. (Nehemiah 4:6)  Matthew chapters 9 & 10 record **Jesus’ efforts to develop such a mind in His apostles**… and us… and to accomplish more than thought possible. (Eph. 3:20-21)  It begins by one ***“putting his hand to the plow”.*** (Luke 9:62)  It is sustained with an ***“abounding”*** mentality. (1 Cor. 15:52) |