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| 1 | **Successful Workers In The Lord’s Kingdom- Part 4**  **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) |
| 5 | **#8 - Don’t Worry Or Be Distracted About Physical Matters (vs. 9-10)**  **Trust in God!** (Hebrews 13:5-6; Psalms 4:5; 37:1-6)  **Be content**! (Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-8)  **Don’t be anxious**! (Matthew 6:25-34)  **Don’t be distracted by the carnal things**. (2 Timothy 2:3-4; cf., Acts 6:1-4; John 4:34)  **Set your mind on the things above**… (Colossians 3:1-2; Psalms 1:1-3) |
| 6 | **#9 - Don’t Cast Pearls Before Swine (10:11-15)**  Successful workers understand the need to **focus on productive efforts.** (Matthew 7:6)  How do we know who is “***worthy***”? (Matthew 7:16)  Depends on how they “***receive***” the word of God. (Acts 2:41; 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)  Is someone **“honestly mistaken”?** (Acts 18:24-28)  Pray for wisdom to see the “***open doors***”! (Colossians 4:3-6)  We “***judge ourselves***” either worthy or unworthy of eternal life based on our response to gospel preaching. (Acts 13:46) |
| 7 | **#10 - Spiritual Discernment (10:16)**  *“Behold,* ***I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves****; therefore be* ***shrewd as serpents****, and* ***innocent as doves****.”* (Romans 16:19)   * ***“Shrewd as serpents”*** - our adversary is scheming, **strategic** and **tactical…** so must we - **defensively** and **offensively**. To be **“wise and prudent”**. (ex: Acts 16:13) * ***“Innocent as doves”*** - pure, free from deceit or guile.  (Philippians 2:15; Luke 21:8) |
| 8 | **#11 - Trust In God’s Revelation (10:19-20)**  *“Do not worry about how or what you are to say… For it is not you who speak, but it is* ***the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you****.”*   * **The days of direct inspiration have ceased.** We have the **“*mind of Christ*”**.(1 Cor. 2:11-13; 1 Pet. 4:11) * **Read the text** (Luke 10:26) and h**ave faith in the power of God’s word.** (Romans 1:16; Isaiah 55:10-11) * **Study to prepare and be ready!** (2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15) |