**BUSINESS MINDED**

**Text: MATTHEW 13:44-46**

* 44 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
* 45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,
* 46 “who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**INTRO:**

* Last time I shared about from Carnal to Spiritual
* Changing our mindsets or mentality
* Mental barriers for God’s Word
* Tonight will be about business minded

**AIM:**

* FOR US TO BE MINDED
* TO BE MINDFUL IN THE BUSINESS OF GOD
* TO MAKE PROFIT IN LIFE

**I. GOD WANTS US TO GAIN IN LIFE**

* When He commanded us to seek His Kingdom, all He wanted is for us to gain in life
* Seeking the kingdom of God has never been a loss, you would not lose in life, and never will
* We just have to esteem or value His Kingdom to be greatest worth
* A merchant is a business man whose livelihood is buying wholesale and sells in retail
* Our gains in life is determined by how we value His kingdom
* Selling everything could mean letting go of it to pursue the kingdom
* Failing to do such is pursuing things of less value
* Isaiah 48:17 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: “I *am* the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.

**II. HE GAVE US TALENTS TO BE USED IN BUSINESS**

* Luke 19: 12 Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.
* 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’
* Business is anything that makes us busy
* He wants us to do something or be busy with it
* He doesn’t want us to be idle (doing nothing)

**III. GOD HIMSELF IS BUSINESS MINDED**

* In fact He expects double from what He has given us
* Our accountability is great when great is entrusted
* Luke 12:48 For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.
* If not doubled at least with interest or profit
* The only reason why He is taking away the talents from the one who has none is He wants it doubled by giving it to the one with ten talents
* Matthew 25: 28 Therefore take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.
* 29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

**IV. WICKEDNESS FOR GOD IS NOT HAVING BUSINESS OR NO PROFIT**

* If we are not using the talent He gave us and become lazy
* Matt 25:26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.
* We pray for more but not all will be granted because we are not good businessmen
* Most of us pray for our needs but not for business
* If we could have business, our needs is not a problem
* God wanted us to rule the earth
* Employees do not rule but business men or managers
* Gen 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
* In short He wanted us to rule with Him, manage with Him, or do business with Him

**V. WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS?**

* Definitely not monkey business
* It could mean a literal business
* There is a kingly and priestly calling
* Priestly are the ones directly related to the spiritual needs while kingly is on the material needs
* In Matthew 20, He is hiring laborers in His vineyard
* He is going to pay them at the end of the day
* There are plenty of jobs in vineyard
* He is a generous employer
* His business never loses and will always be in need for laborers
* There is always vacancy
* But since it is a vineyard, the harvest will be wine
* Spiritually speaking, souls is our harvest
* No soul, no harvest
* No harvest is a loss or deficit
* No matter what we do, it should lead to the desired harvest
* The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few
* Luke 10: 2 Then He said to them, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

**VI. UNLESS YOU ARE ENGAGED IN HIS VINEYARD AND HARVEST YOU ARE DOING NOTHING**

* Nothing else matter or counts
* You’re just idle
* Matthew 20: 3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
* You are just after the cheap stuffs, possessions, or temporary things that will not last
* You fail to go for the greatest price
* Unless you are working in His business or vineyard, life does not makes sense

**CHALLENGE:**

* ARE YOU BUSINESS MINDED?
* ARE YOU WORKING FOR A PROFIT OR MAKING PROFIT?
* ARE YOU ENGAGED IN HIS VINEYARD?

**CONCLUSION:**

* Luke 19:13 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas,[a] and said to them, **‘Do business till I come.’**
* Luke 2: 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.”
* 49 And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about **My Father’s business?”**