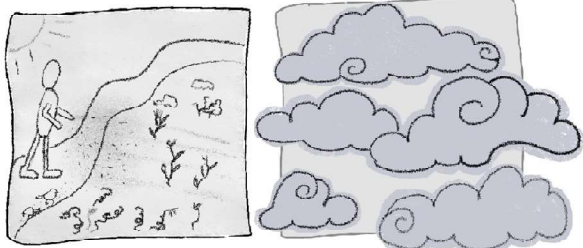


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What **IS** a parable?

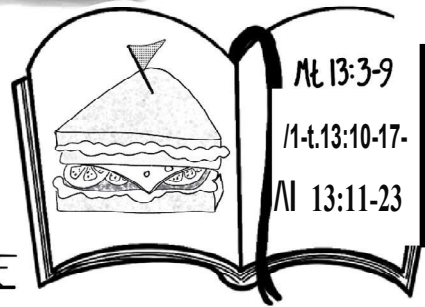
Parable (par-a-ble [noun])
 - An earthly story with a heavenly (spiritual) meaning.
 - From the Greek word which means "to place beside" or "to compare together"
 - "A comparison in which two things or processes from different fields are set side by side so that in virtue of the similarity the unknown may elucidated by the known" (TDNT vol. 5, p575).



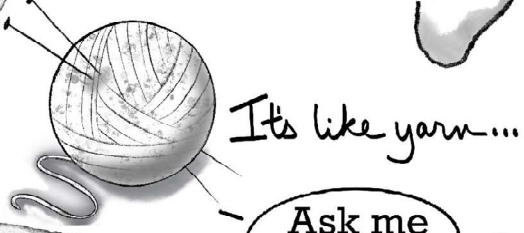
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~~The rich man & Lazarus~~
 Luke 16:19-31
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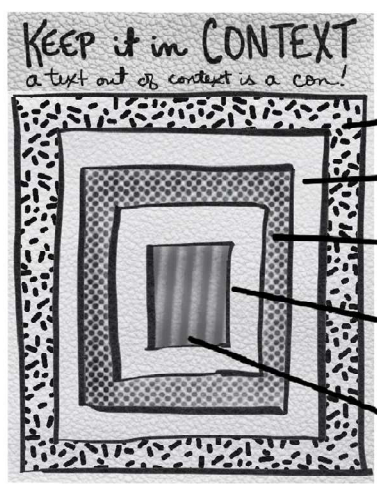
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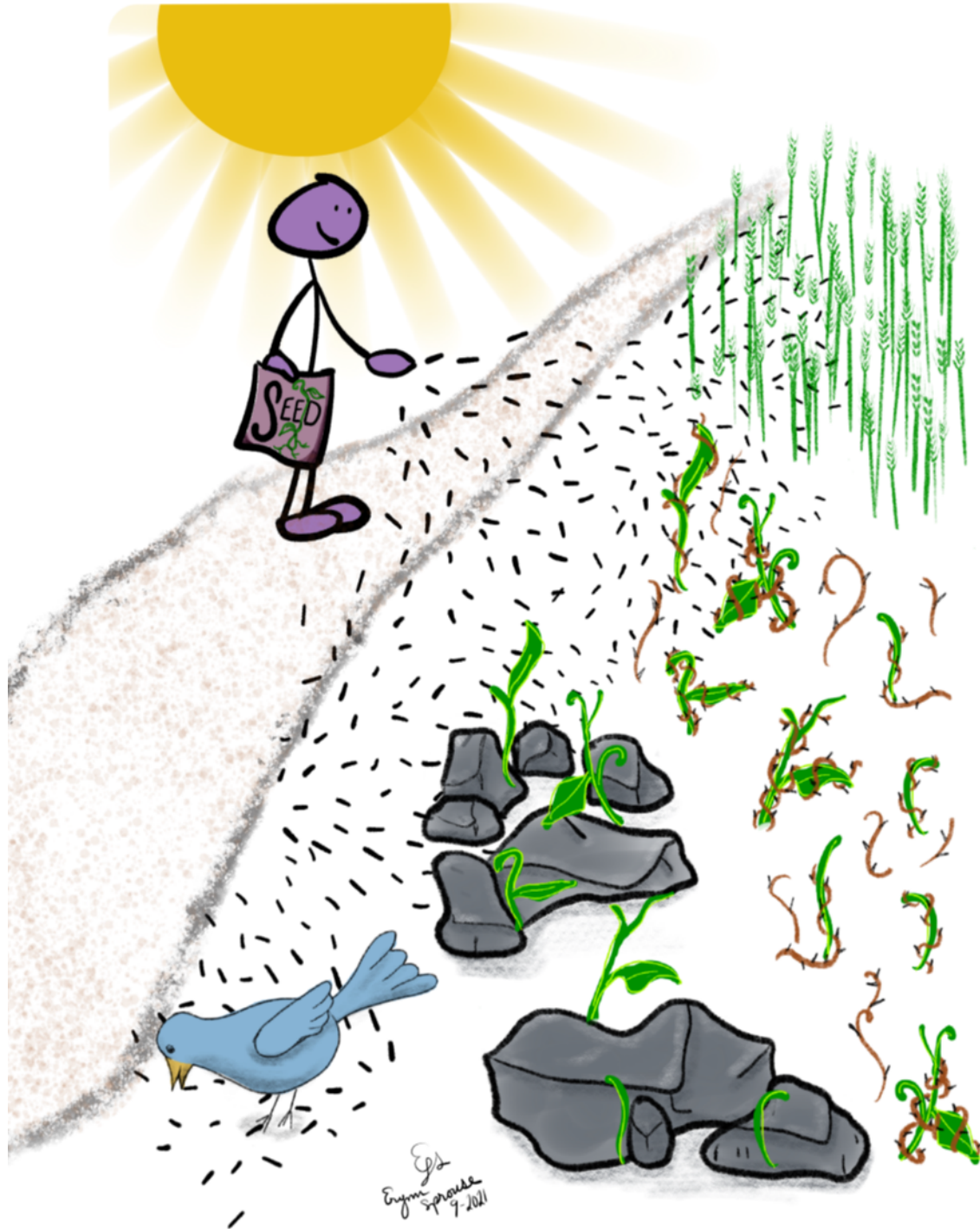
Tips & Tricks

CAUTION
 do not go beyond what is written!

Notice that when Jesus gave His explanations, not every element had a corresponding spiritual reality.



Scripture - cf 2 Timothy 3:16,17
NT/OT
the book - Key words, audience, purpose, themes
immediate context - other parables nearby, introduction (eg. Lk. 13:1), epilogue (eg. Mt. 25:13)
passage - repeated words, "compare," "is like"





JESUS' KINGDOM PARABLES

Sandi Smith

What is a kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND THE SEED

Matthew 13

Mark 4

Luke 8

1.

2.

3.

4.

1. Roadside

2. Rocky

3. Thorny

4. Good

SONNET 116 – William Shakespeare

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove:
O no; it is an ever-fixed mark,
That looks on tempests, and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

This little light of mine . . .

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE TARES AND THE WHEAT

Matthew 13

1. While you were sleeping

2. The enemy

3. Wheat vs Tares (Darnel)



4. The Harvest

Sower

 Good seed

 Bad seed

Field

Good seed

Tares

Harvest

Reapers

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

Matthew 13

Mark 4

Luke 13

1. Origin

2. Size

3. Fruit

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF LEAVEN

Matthew 13

Luke 13

1.

2.

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

Matthew 13

1. What

2. Who

3. Why

4. Fruit

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE PEARL OF GREAT VALUE

Matthew 13

1. Who

2. What

3. Fruit

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE NET OF FISH

Matthew 13

1. What

2. Why

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD OWNER & LABORERS

Matthew 20

1. Who

2. What

3. When

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

Matthew 21

Son 1.

Son 2.

Father

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE LANDOWNER AND THE VINEGROWERS

Matthew 21

Mark 12

Luke 20

1.

2.

3.

4.

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE MYSTERIOUS SEED

Mark 4

1.

2.

3.

4.

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

PARABLE OF THE GREAT FEAST

Luke 14

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

What does this teach us about the kingdom?

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PARABLE – The Unforgiving Servant (Mt 18:21)

PEOPLE & PLACE- Disciples, Peter

POINT- _____ from your _____.

PERSONAL-

PARALLEL-

PARABLE – The Two Debtors (Lk 7:36)

PEOPLE & PLACE- At a Pharisee's house, Simon and Ms. Sinner

POINT- He who _____ much _____ much.

PERSONAL-

PARALLEL-

PARABLE – The Unworthy Servant (Lk 17:7)

PEOPLE & PLACE- Disciples, Apostles

POINT- Do what is your _____.

PERSONAL-

PARALLEL-

PARABLE – The Lost Sheep (Lk 15:1)

PEOPLE & PLACE- Tax Collectors, Sinners

POINT- There is _____ over every single penitent _____.

PERSONAL-

PARALLEL-

PARABLE – The Lost Coin (Lk 15:8)

PEOPLE & PLACE- same Tax Collectors and Sinners

POINT- There is _____ over every _____ sinner.

PERSONAL-

PARALLEL-

PARABLE – The Lost Son (Lk 15:11)

PEOPLE & PLACE- same of Tax Collectors and Sinners

POINT- It is appropriate to _____ over a penitent _____.

PERSONAL-

PARALLEL-

What does your prayer look like to God?

Where do you pray?

When do you pray?

How often do you pray?

What causes you to fall to your knees to pray?

Of what does your prayer consist?

The Parables on Prayer

Carole Moore

Texas Ladies in Christ Retreat

October 2021

I. Introduction

- a. 1 timothy 2:1-6,8
- b. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18
- c. James 5:16

II. The Parable of the Friend at midnight (Luke 11:5-10)

- a. Background

- b. Summary

III. The Parable of the Persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8)

- a. Background

- b. Summary

IV. The Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14)

- a. Background

- b. Summary

V. Insights gleaned from the Prayer Parables

- 1) There is a responsibility and obligation to pray. Men “ought always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1).

- a. We need God
- b. God expects us to seek Him for help
- c. Jesus set the example to pray for others
- d. The Psalmist tells us to pray throughout the day

- i. We must do our part (Hebrews 8:26)
 - e. Samuel declared that he would not cease praying for the Israelites because it would be a *sin against the LORD*
- 1) There are requirements with prayer.
- a. Be pure. A righteous attitude is essential
 - b. Be obedient to God. He hears the prayers of His elect.
 - c. Be direct.
 - d. Be definitive. The friend in need asked for specifics (i.e., 3 loaves) not generalizations. We also need to list specific blessings, needs, people, and specific faults and sins.
 - e. Be sincere. The host and the widow were sincere in their requests. As was Jesus in so many of His prayers. With our sincerity must come the attitude and willingness to do all we can to make the answer to that request come true.
 - f. Be earnest. Consider Jesus as He prayed on Mount Olive prior to His crucifixion...
 - g. Be persistent. This is the main point of two of these parables... the host beat on his friend's door until he answered. The widow returned time and again to plead with the judge.
 - h. Be humble in attitude. It is one thing to be confident in one's relationship with God and His promise to answer prayers, and another to believe that one is superior than those around because of your relationship with God or worse, think that you are able to resolve issues without the help of God.
 - i. Be with understanding.
 - j. Be quiet. Don't make a scene to draw attention to self; attention is to be directed always to God the Father
 - k. Be hopeful. Do not become discouraged when prayers are not immediately answered per our desires!
 - l. Be patient. God will answer prayer in His timeline and in the manner which is best for His church...

- a. Be not anxious. God provides for the great and the small as noted in Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 12:22-34)
- 1) There are rewards with prayer.
- a. We won't leave empty handed; our efforts will be favorably rewarded.
 - b. Remain mindful that not all prayers are answered as we wish...
 - i. David's son died (2 Samuel 12:15-24)
 - ii. Paul was never rid (to our knowledge) of his thorn in his flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7-9)
 - c. God knows the future which we cannot see; therefore, some of our prayers may bring more harm if they were answered.
 - d. God will avenge the wrongs done to His children
 - e. "The perfect prayer is the outpouring of a strong, intense desire, but with the humble resignation 'Not my will, but thy will be done.'" (Neil Lightfoot, Part 1; p. 69).
 - f. Reflected in Christ's prayer to the Father in Luke 22:42
- 2) There is power in prayer.
- a. Consider Elijah in 1 Kings 17:1-7 (c.f., James 5:17-18).
 - b. Hezekiah was *sick unto death* and prayed to God (Isaiah 38:1-5)
 - c. Prayer was lifted up on behalf of Peter while in prison as mentioned earlier;
 - d. James 5:13-16 guides the faithful to prayer
 - e. How often did the Moses, David, the apostles and others turn to God in their need, and in which He answered?!
- 3) There is a purpose in prayer:
- a. To praise God
 - b. To discover & learn God's message of salvation
 - c. To increase wisdom

- a. To help with trouble
- b. To ask for spiritual cleansing from sin
- c. To strengthen resolve, restore the soul, in service to God

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How to use 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 to combat racism

Scripture analysis by Leah Hopkins with personal comments by Brenna Rhodes

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is Patient

Define: the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.

Have you stopped to listen to the experiences of everyone? That includes the people who have experienced racism, and the people who have not. Have you stopped to listen to the people who have not behaved in a racist way, or have you grouped them into the same group of people who have? Have you stopped to listen to the people who have experienced racism but choose to not dwell on it or have you thrown their wisdom to the side and only focus on the people who dwell on it?

We must be cautious to listen to those who actually experienced it. Too often we hear the voices of individuals who claim to be speaking on behalf of those who have experienced injustice or been offended. We faced this situation when a few Christians publicly claimed the Lord's church is racist, and that our local congregations are racist. It was unclear where they got this information, but the damage was done and the division it caused was heartbreaking.

If those concerned individuals had spoken to my children, they would have heard a much different perspective. My family has not experienced racism in our community, much less in our congregations or anywhere in the Lord's church. Those spreading these accusations were not speaking for our family. We should be careful not to put words into the mouths of others, make claims and accusations on their behalf, or presume to fight battles for people who have no complaint. It is best to listen to people who have first-hand experience, and not to those who stir up division.

Love is Kind

Define: the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. a kind act.

Do you show kindness to every person not matter what they look like? What if they have a different culture than yourself? Do you show kindness to people from other countries? How about if they practice a religion vastly different than your own? Do you show kindness to someone who has broken the laws of our country to enter it? What about souls in prison?

Love is not jealous

Define: feeling or showing envy of someone or their achievements and advantages.

Are you genuinely happy when someone who is not like yourself achieves success? Are you willing to listen to someone who does not look like you or is from your culture give you advice or wisdom based on the Word of God and their life experience?

Love does not brag or is arrogant

Define: say something in a boastful manner. Having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's own importance or abilities.

Do you find yourself talking about how “un-racist” you are and showing people all the friends you have that don’t look like you? Do you see yourself as the bridge that brings healing or is it the Word of God? Do you insist that someone is wrong about the situation because they just don’t see what you see?

This makes me think back to what we discussed about the Word and Truth. Its simplicity is so beautiful. Anyone can understand godly love- it is not complicated. It may be hard to do, because selfishness is easier. But, loving someone means you want the best for them. Loving another soul means you build them up. And we have the capacity to love because He first loved us. We have nothing to boast about, except Christ. Gal 6:14

Love does not act unbecomingly

Define: to behave inappropriate toward. Being rude or inconsiderate.

Do you discount someone if they do not agree with you on this sensitive topic? Do you say or repeat jokes about someone's appearance, culture, religion etc.?

That is a good point. In our family, we had some older members who grew up saying foolish things that are hurtful to others. That kind of speech was accepted in the place and time period in which they grew up. Even though it was accepted, it is still wrong. It was thoughtless and rude, so we gently brought them along to be more considerate and thoughtful in their words (stopped some jokes, specific words, and overall concepts.) In addition, we taught our children to be forgiving when those relatives did or said something offensive. It is too heavy a burden to carry around all the offenses we've ever felt! We are not pick scabs and hold on to hurts, but rather forgive and move on with our lives, doing His will and giving Him glory in everything. What better lesson to teach our children to take from offensive situations? Matthew 6:15 We will be sinned against in a variety of ways throughout life. Foolish words do hurt, but they are not deadly. We can always choose to forgive fools who speak without thinking and even those who are intentionally hurtful to us. It's what God asks us to do, and it's in our own best interest to do so.

Love does not seek its own

Define: Pursuing only one's own ends or interests. 2. Exhibiting concern only with promoting one's own ends or interests: self-seeking maneuvers.

Are you benefiting at all from bad race relations? Do you really want to solve bad race relations or do you want to make someone pay?

Yes. Don't dig in and say, "That's just the way I am and I can't change." If we have been unloving and have painted groups of people with a broad-brush, we must examine ourselves so we can correct those wrongs and become right with the Lord. And if we have enjoyed the role of victim too much, we must also examine ourselves so we can have pity on those who hurt us, forgive them, so we can become right with the Lord

Love is not provoked

Define: stimulate or give rise to (a reaction or emotion, typically a strong or unwelcome one) in someone. Deliberately make (someone) annoyed or angry.

Do you find yourself brooding over what someone has said or done to you? Do you want this person to pay more than you want them in Heaven? Do you consider the eternal destination of the person who has wronged you?

Love does not take into account a wrong suffered

Define: a persistent feeling of ill will or resentment resulting from a past insult or injury. Refusing to not feel angry or resentful toward (someone) for an offense, flaw, or mistake.

Do you think often about the times you have been treated unfairly due to your appearance, background, culture, religion? Do you brood and stoke the fire that these feelings bring? Do people who resemble the person who wronged you make you feel angry even though they did not participate in the wrong? Do you see the people who hurt you as souls Jesus died for or a lost cause? Would you sit and study the Bible with these people?

Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness

Define: (of a person or conduct) not morally right or not justifiable; not virtuous.

When you see people arguing or fighting about racism, do you grab the popcorn and enjoy the show, or does it make you feel sad? Do you participate or agree with people who cause damage to businesses as a response to being wronged?

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Love rejoices in the truth

Define: what is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth. Not subjective to one's feelings or emotions. Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth (John 17:17)

Do you wish for true unity among the races and nations of the world? Do you look at people no matter what they look like or where they are from as your equal and someone that Jesus died for? Are you willing to admit if you have been wrong about something? We are able to know the truth.

Love bears all things, Love believes all things, Love hopes all things, Love endures all things.

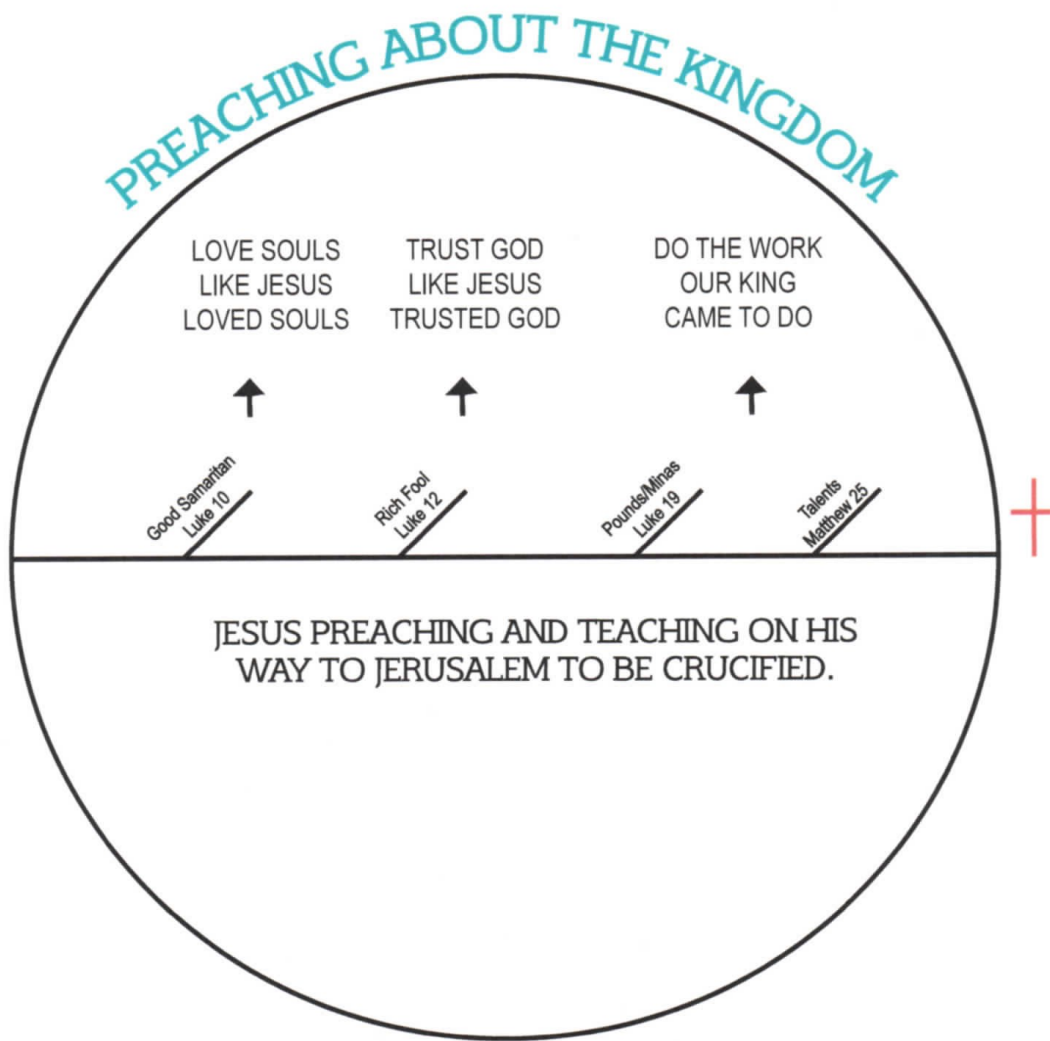
Define: carry the weight of; support. See the good, confident expectation, suffer (something painful or difficult) patiently.

Do you support your brothers and sisters who have been wronged? If you have been wronged, do you fall into the division or stay the course? Do you look for the good in others no matter their appearance, background, or culture, or are you suspicious of people who are different than yourself? If you are the victim of racism, do you give this burden to God and keep going, or do you look to the world for answers? If you have been accused of racism when you have not done this, do you seek justice from the world or wait on God to make all things right?

"Love hopes all things" always makes me think of assuming the best of others. If we set out to be offended, hurt, or insulted, we certainly will be. On the other hand, if we develop a thick skin and determine to believe the best of people it makes it easier to love them, no matter what they do to us. Even when their words are clumsy, or if they've been taught bad habits they need to break, or if they are simply thoughtless toward us- we can still love them and assume the best of them. Jesus very often modeled that attitude of pity and compassion toward sinners, so when someone sins against us we can follow His example and perhaps help them, teach them to do better, and still love them. Have mercy. Luke 6:36

Of course, a few people in our lives may be truly harmful and we may have to distance ourselves from them for our own spiritual safety. But many people who offend or hurt us are just not thinking carefully about how they speak or act. Their failures can be a good lesson to me- do I speak and act like I wish others did? I should taste my words before I say them. I should consider the perspective of others. I should consider how I can be especially thoughtful and kind. And I should be quick to apologize and ask forgiveness when I hurt someone else with my words or actions.

Overall Context of Jesus' Teachings



How Important Is The Lord's Church in Your Life?

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Is it important enough that you have ought to learn all you can about the Bible?

Is it important enough that you are thankful to be a member of it?

Is it important enough that you attend it's gatherings for worship?

Is it important enough that you want to see its works succeed?

Is it important enough that you wants others to know about it?

Is it important enough that you help to maintain its purity and soundness?

Is it important enough that you are faithful to it?

✠ *Jesus established **ONE** Kingdom.* ✠

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:18-19

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|---|---|---|
| There are many bodies/ churches | ➔ | One Body/Church (1 Corinthians 12:20) |
| Churches founded by men | ➔ | Church founded by Christ (Matthew 16:18) |
| Human heads of the Church | ➔ | Christ is the head. (Ephesians 1:22-23) |
| Human creeds | ➔ | Bible is the only guide (2 Timothy 3:16-17) |
| Wear human names | ➔ | Christians only (Acts 11:26, 1 Peter 4:16) |
| Follows Men | ➔ | Condemns following men. (1 Cor 1:10-13) |
| Claims to be abiding branches of the Church | ➔ | Branches are individuals, not churches. (Jn 15:1-6) |
| Voted to be added to church | ➔ | God adds to the Church. (Acts 2:47) |
| Preaches many different doctrines | ➔ | Only one Gospel. (Galatians 1:8-9, 1 Tim 4:16) |
| Rewrites creeds from time to time | ➔ | God's Word never changes (Matthew 24:35) |
| Teaches different modes of baptism | ➔ | Only one baptism. (Ephesians 4:5) |

There is a way which seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.
Proverbs 14:12

Pharisees

Their origin is uncertain.

The name "Pharisee" means "the separated one, separatists." Not mentioned in the Old Testament.

The name first appears during the reign of John Hyrcanus (135 B.C.) during the Intertestamental Period during the Maccabean Period.

They are mentioned dozens of times in the New Testament.

Josephus says that at their zenith of popularity they numbered more than 6,000.

Strict religious group of Jews who advocated minute obedience to the Jewish law and traditions. Very influential in the synagogues.

They formalized the religion of the Scribes and placed it into practice.

Believed in the resurrection of the body, Heaven, Hell, the existence of angels and spirits.

Rejected Jesus' claim to be the Messiah because:

1. He did not follow their traditions.
2. He associated with notoriously wicked people.

Scribes

Scribes were a class of learned men who made the systematic study of the law and its exposition their professional occupation

The scribes of pre-exilic days were public writers, governmental secretaries, and copiers of the law as well as other documents.

Ezra being the most notable.

The majority of the scribes belonged to the Pharisee party. Some were Sadducees.

Zealous defenders of the law and true teachers of the people.

Were called "rabbi" meaning "My master, or my teacher."

Were known as lawyers. Because of their legal knowledge, scribes were often called upon to serve as judges in Jewish courts.

The decisions of leading scribes became oral law, or "tradition."

Where details were lacking in the law they filled in with things designed to safeguard the law.

Thus, they loaded the people with "burdens grievous to be borne." (Lk. 11:46; Mt. 23:3)

It has been said that it took a scribe about a year to make one copy of the Jewish Scriptures.

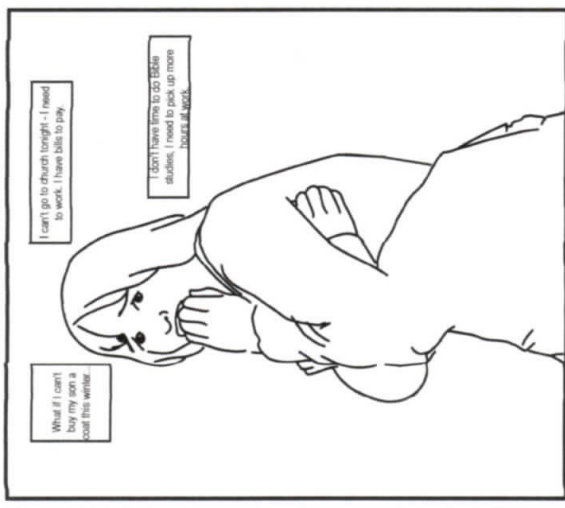
Donnie Barnes Biblecharts.org

Three words describing fear and doubt in Luke 12

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μεριμνάω (merimnaō)

19X IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



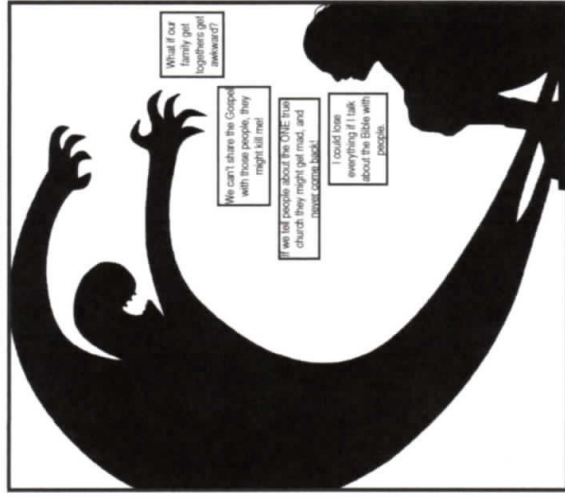
Thayer Definition:

- 1) to be anxious
- 1a) to be troubled with cares
- 2) to care for, look out for (a thing)

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φοβέω (phobēō)

93X IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



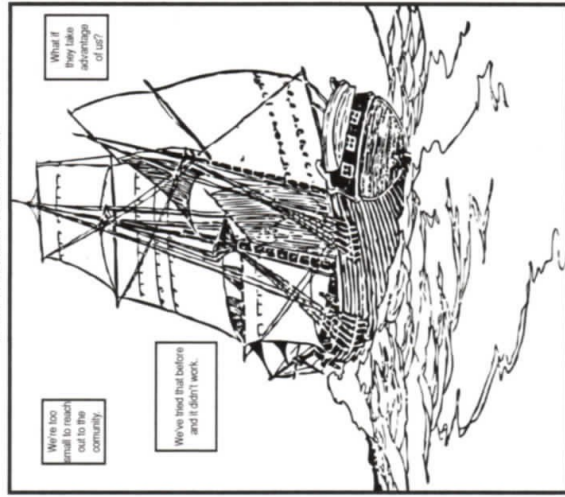
Thayer Definition:

- 1) to put to flight by terrifying (to scare away)
- 1a) to put to flight, to flee
- 1b) to fear, be afraid
- 1b1) to be struck with fear, to be seized with alarm
- 1b1a) of those startled by strange sights or occurrences
- 1b1b) to fear (i.e. hesitate) to do something (for fear of harm)

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μετεωρίζω (meteōrizō)

1X IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



Thayer Definition:

- 1) to rise up on high
- 1a) to put a ship [out to sea] up upon the deep
- 1b) to raise up fortifications
- 2) metaphorically
- 2a) by a metaphor taken from ships that are tossed about on the deep by winds and waves
- 2b) to cause one to waver or fluctuate in the mind, to agitate or harass with cares, to make anxious

*But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.
Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.*

Luke 12:31-32



FEAR

*Encouraging songs to remind us
 of our job as Christians*

My Home Is In Heaven

A song I learned in Jamaica
 Author: Unknown

My home is in Heaven
 just wait'n on me
 and when I get there,
 how happy I'll be
 My home is in Heaven,
 no rent to pay,
 My Jesus paid it... paid it all for me.

It's alright
 It's alright
 It's alright
 Everythings gonna be alright

You Never Mentioned Him To Me

BY OTIS L MCCOY
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When in the better land before the bar we stand,
 How deeply grieved our souls will be;
 If any lost one there should cry in deep despair,
 "You never mentioned Him to me."

CHORUS: You never mentioned Him to me,
You helped me not the way to see;
You met me day by day and knew I was astray,
Yet never mentioned Him to me."

O let us spread the word _ where e'er it
 may be heard,
 Help groping souls the light to see,
 That yonder none may say,
 "You showed me not the way."
 You never mentioned Him to me. **CHORUS**

A few sweet words may guide a
 lost one to His side,
 Or turn sad eyes on Calvary;
 So work as days go by,
 that yonder none may cry,
 "You never mentioned Him to me." **CHORUS**

One More Day

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

If my time on earth is long, and I am young;
 and I see God's people dying, I want to help
 them. For is Jesus comes tomorrow, I'll have
 just one more day.

CHORUS

One more day, to separate the world,
 One more day, and time will be no longer;
 One day late, for me to show you,
 One day late, for you to listen:
 For when He comes,
 he'll give no warning.
 When it all, begins to happen,
 When he's gone, ascended into Heaven,
 We would not know,
 that we have one more day,
 One more day (repeat chorus)
 One more day... one more day...
 One...more...day.

If you have no peace with Jesus,
 the Son of God.
 The angels must be crying, His heart is broken.
 For is Jesus comes tomorrow,
 I'll have just one more day.

CHORUS

To The Work

FRANCIS CROSBY

To the work! To the work!
 We are servants of God;
 Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;
 With the balm of His counsel
 our strength to renew,
 Let us do with our might
 what our hands find to do.

Refrain:

Toiling on, toiling on,
 Toiling on, toiling on;
 Let us hope, let us watch,
 And labor till the Master comes.

To the work! To the work! Let the hungry be fed;
 To the fountain of life let the weary be led;
 In the cross and its banner our glory shall be,
 While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!"

To the work! To the work! There is labor for all;
 For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;
 And the love of our Father exalted shall be,
 In the loud swelling chorus, "Salvation is free!"

To the work! To the work! In the strength
 of the Lord, And a robe and a crown
 shall our labor reward,
 When the home of the faithful
 our dwelling shall be, And we shout with the
 ransomed, "Salvation is free!"

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

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I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God:
her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye
and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be giv'n,
'til toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine,
our Savior and our King,
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be giv'n
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heav'n.

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PREPAREDNESS PARABLES

What steps did you take to prepare yourself to be at TLC this weekend?

The significance of the timing of Jesus teaching these parables:

I. The Barren Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-10)

Context: When? _____

Where? _____

Audience:

Luke 13:1-5 -

Luke 13:6-10 –

Verse 7 says the unfruitful tree “_____ the ground.”

Broader meaning of the parable – These three years represented _____

Luke 13:23-30 Jesus is asked if there will be _____ who will be _____.

Verse 29 foretells of the _____ hearing and obeying the Gospel.

This is not to be confused with Matthew 21:17-22.

Application:

II. The Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-13)

Context: When? _____

Where? _____

Audience:

Luke 16:1-3 – What is a steward?

Luke 16:3 – “...I cannot dig...”

Luke 16:3 says, “...to beg I am ashamed.”

What does the steward do in Luke 16:5-7?

What is the reaction of the lord in verse 8?

Who approved of the steward's actions?

Did he do the right thing?

Application –

Compare to Luke 16:10-11.

Questions to consider about our stewardship and the accounting we will give to God on the Day of Judgment –

III. Marriage Feast of the King's Son (Matthew 22)

Context: When? _____

Where? _____

Audience:

Matt. 21:28-32 is the parable of the man with t_____ s_____ who he told to go work in the vineyard.

The first son represented _____

The second son represented _____

In Matthew 21:33-46 Jesus tells the Parable of the Householder and the H_____.

Both of these parables tell of the Jews' _____

Matt. 21:45-46 shows the reaction of the Pharisees.

Matthew 22 begins with the Marriage F_____ of the King's
S_____.

Verse 3, those who were invited _____

Responses to the invitation in verses 4-6:

King's reaction and response in Matt. 22:7-10 –

Matthew 22:11- 14 Parable of the Wedding Garment (continuation from
Marriage Feast.)

Application –

IV. The Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)

Context: When? _____

Where? _____

Audience:

Jesus tells a parable of two servants, one w_____ and one
f_____. (Matthew 24:45-51).

Matthew 25:1-13 –

Why were five virgins wise?

Why were five virgins foolish?

Admonition verses – Matt. 24:42,44 & Matt. 25:11 –

Application -

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PARABLES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

PARABLES	WHERE SPOKEN	WHERE RECORDED
GALILEAN MINISTRY		
Second Period		
1. The Two Debtors	[Capernaum]	Luke 7:41-50
2. The Sower	Seashore of Galilee	Matt. 13:1-23, Mk 4:1-20, Lu. 8:4-15
3. The Seed	Seashore of Galilee	Mk. 4:26-29
4. The Tares	Seashore of Galilee	Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43
5. The Mustard Seed	Seashore of Galilee	Matt. 13:31-32, MK. 4:30-32
6. The Leaven	Seashore of Galilee	Matt. 13:33
7. The Hidden Treasure	Seashore of Galilee	Matt. 13:44
8. The Costly Pearl	Seashore of Galilee	Matt. 13:45-46
9. The Drag-net	Seashore of Galilee	Matt. 13:47-50
Third Period		
10. The Wicked Servant	Capernaum	Matt. 18:21-35
PEREAN MINISTRY		
11. The Good Samaritan	Near Jerusalem	Lu. 10:25-37
12. The Rich Fool	Galilee	Lu. 12:16-21
13. The Barren Fig Tree	Galilee	Lu. 13:6-9
14. The Wedding Guest	Galilee	Lu. 14:7-11
15. The Great Supper	Perea	Lu. 14:15-24
16. Counting the Cost	Perea	Lu. 14:25-35
17. The Lost Sheep	Perea	Lu. 15:1-7
18. The Lost Coin	Perea	Lu. 15:8-10
19. The Prodigal Coin	Perea	Lu. 15:11-32
20. The Unjust Steward	Perea	Lu. 16:1-13
21. The Rich Man and Lazarus	Perea	Lu. 16:19-31
22. The Unprofitable Servant	Perea	Lu.17:1-10
23. The Unjust Judge	Perea	Lu. 18:1-8
24. The Pharisee and Publican	Perea	Lu. 18:9-14
25. The Laborers in the Vineyard	Perea	Matt. 20:1-16
26. The Pounds	Jericho	Lu. 19:11-28

THE PASSION WEEK		
Tuesday		
27. The Two Sons	Jerusalem	Matt. 21:28-32
28. The Wicked Husbandmen	Jerusalem	Matt. 21:33-44, Mk. 12:1-12, Lu. 20:9-19
29. The Marriage of The King's Son	Jerusalem	Matt. 22:1-14
30. The Ten Virgins	Mount of Olives	Matt. 25:1-13
31. The Talents	Mount of Olives	Matt. 25:14-30

Parables of Jesus Christ

This is a complete list of the parables of Jesus Christ. A parable is an earthly story with a spiritual truth. This list of parables is alphabetically arranged.

Parable	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Alert servants		13:33-37		
Barren fig tree			13:6-9	
Bread of life				6:31-38
Budding fig tree	24:32-35	13:28-32	21:29-33	
Children in market	11:16-19		7:31-35	
Christian light	5:14-16	4:21-23	8:16-18	
Dinner guests			14:15-24	
Divided kingdom	12:24-30	3:22-27	11:14-23	
Feast invitations			14:12-14	
Friend at midnight			11:5-13	
Good Samaritan			10:25-37	
Good shepherd				10:1-18
Great physician	9:10-13	2:15-17	5:29-32	
Grooms attendants	9:14-15	2:18-20	5:33-35	
Growing seed		4:26-29		
Hidden treasure	13:44			
Householder	13:52			
Humbled guest			14:7-11	
King's war plans			14:31-33	
Laborers in vineyard	20:1-16			
Landowner	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-18	
Leaven	13:33		13:20-21	
Lost coin			15:8-10	
Lost sheep			15:4-7	
Marriage feast	22:1-14			
Mustard seed	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19	
Net of fish	13:47-50			
New cloth	9:16	2:21	5:36	
New wine	9:17	2:22	5:37-39	
Pearl of great price	13:45-46			
Pharisee and tax collector			18:9-14	
Prodigal son			15:11-32	
Rich man & Lazarus			16:19-31	
Rich fool			12:16-21	
Salt without taste	5:13	9:50	14:34-35	
Servant's duty			17:7-10	
Sheep and goats	25:31-46			
Sign of Jonah	12:38-42		11:29-32	
Tares in field (part 1)	13:24-30			
Tares in field (part 2)	13:36-43			
Ten Minas			19:11-27	
Ten talents	25:14-30			

Ten virgins	25:1-13		
The Sower (part 1)	13:3-9	4:3-20	8:4-15
The Sower (part 2)	13:18-23		
Two debtors			7:41-43
Two sons	21:28-32		
Unclean spirit	12:43-45		11:24-26
Unjust judge			18:1-8
Unjust steward			16:1-13
Unmerciful servant	18:21-35		
Unprepared builder			14:28-30
Vine and branches			15:1-17
Watching servants			12:35-40
Wise builder	7:24-27		6:47-49
Wise servant	24:45-51		
Wise steward			12:42-48

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THE PARABLES OF JESUS CLASSIFIED

KINGDOM PARABLES

Sower (Mt. 13)	Attitudes toward the kingdom
Tares (Mt. 13)	Evil in the kingdom
Mustard Seed (Mt. 13)	Growth of the kingdom
Leaven (Mt. 13)	Influence of the kingdom
Hidden Treasure (Mt. 13)	Value of the kingdom
Pearl of Great Price (Mt. 13)	Value of seeking the kingdom
Drag Net (Mt. 13)	Coming separation in the kingdom
Laborers in Vineyard (Mt. 20)	Service, not seniority
Two Sons (Mt. 21)	Possession, not profession
Wicked Husbandmen (Mt. 21)	The rejected Stone
Secret Seed (Mk. 4)	Unfolding of the kingdom
Great Supper (Lk. 14)	Prominence of Gentiles in the kingdom

SINNER PARABLES

Lost Coin (Lk. 15)	Love seeking
Lost Sheep (Lk. 15)	Love saving
Lost Son (Lk. 15)	Love receiving

FORGIVENESS PARABLES

Unprofitable Servants (Lk. 17)	Salvation of grace not debt
Unmerciful Servant (Mt. 18)	The value of forgiving I others
Two Debtors (Lk. 7)	Service in proportion to gratitude

PRAYER PARABLES

Friend at Midnight (Lk. 11)	Persistence in prayer
Unjust Judge (Lk. 18)	Prayer under persecution
Pharisee and the Publican (Lk. 18)	Proper attitude in prayer

STEWARDSHIP PARABLES

Talents (Mt. 25)	Use it or lose it
Pounds (Lk. 19)	Proportional blessedness
Rich Fool (Lk. 12)	Insecurity of riches

SERVICE PARABLE

Good Samaritan (Lk. 10)	Who is my neighbor?
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PREPARATION PARABLES

Barren Fig Tree (Lk. 13)	Prepare for coming punishment
Unjust Steward (Lk. 16)	The wisdom in preparing for future
Marriage of King's Son (Mt. 22)	Preparation is individual
Ten Virgins (Mt. 25)	Be constantly prepared

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