

"SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM" (The Parables of Jesus)

WEST OLIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST – Wednesday PM Bible Class – Rich Howell

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	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
KINGDOM GROWTH PARABLES			
The Sower	13:3-8,18-23	4:3-8,14-20	8:5-8,11-15
The Wheat & the Weeds	13:24-30,36-43		
The Net	13:47-50		
The Mustard Seed	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19
The Yeast (Leaven)	13:33		13:20-21
The Growing Grain		4:26-29	
The Unfruitful Fig Tree			13:6-9

KINGDOM VALUE PARABLES

Salt & Light*	5:14-16		
The Lamp*		4:21-23	8:16; 11:33-36
Hidden Treasure	13:44		
Pearl of Great Value	13:45-46		
The Householder	13:52		
The Lost Sheep	18:11-14		15:4-7
The Lost Coin			15:8-10
The Lost Son (Prodigal)			15:11-32
The Moneylender			7:40-43
The Rich Fool			12:16-21
The Great Banquet			14:16-24
Counting the Cost			14:25-33
The Dishonest Steward (Manager)			16:1-13
The Rich Man & Lazarus*			16:19-31
The Talents	25:14-30		

KINGDOM AUTHORITY PARABLES

Wise & Foolish Builders*	7:24-27		6:46-49
Two Sons	21:28-32		
Wicked Tenants	21:33-44	12:1-11	20:9-18
Wedding Banquet	22:2-14		
The Minas (Pounds)			19:11-27

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KINGDOM CHARACTER PARABLES			
New Patch/New Wine*	9:16-17	2:21-22	5:36-38
The Unmerciful Servant	18:23-24		
The Vineyard Workers	20:1-16		
The Good Samaritan			10:25-37
A Friend at Midnight			11:5-8
Seating Arrangements			14:7-11
Humble Hospitality			14:12-14
Unworthy Servants*			17:7-10
The Persistent Widow			18:1-8
Two Men Praying			18:9-14
Faithful & Wise Servant	24:45-51		12:42-48
Watchful Servants*		13:32-37	12:35-40
Ten Bridesmaids	25:1-13		
The Sheep & the Goats*	25:31-46		

* Not always classified as a "parable"

A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH: (From Lesson "C")

ONE: DETERMINE THE CONTEXT - Who? When? What? Where? Read around the parable.

TWO: OBSERVE THE CONTENT - Pay close attention to what Jesus actually says, not what it makes you think about or associate with it. Be an observant, objective reader.

THREE: GET THE BIG PICTURE - Parables are visual, so visualize the whole scenario before getting into the details of the story.

FOUR: SEGMENT/SEQUENCE THE PARABLE - Identify the different "pieces of the puzzle" and get the sequence or flow of the parable clearly in your mind, or on paper.

FIVE: IDENTIFY EACH ELEMENT - What does each element signify or refer to. Begin with any information given in the parable itself. Not every detail is always meant to be interpreted,

SIX: LOOK FOR THE "CORE MESSAGE" - This is like the "moral of the story" or the "main point" or the "punchline." Sometimes it's stated, sometimes it's not. Sometimes it's obvious, other times, not. If you come up dry, let it marinate a while and keep it in mind.

SEVEN: FIND APPLICATIONS - Start with any practical applications Jesus Himself gives. Otherwise, think of personal applications that remain consistent with the "core message."

And, remember, as with all the Scriptures, always **PRAY** on **IT** (Matthew 7:7-8; Proverbs 2:6; James 1:2-3) and **CHEW** on **IT** (MEDITATE - 2 Timothy 2:7; Joshua 1:7-9)!