

**THEME: APPLICATION OF KINGDOM PRINCIPLES**

**TOPIC: WHERE TO LAY UP YOUR TREASURE PART 2**

In the last study we discussed on where to lay your treasure and i said there are two principal places where we can lay up our treasure. The first place is to adhere to what the Lord says in Mt 6: 19-20

***Mat 6:19-20 KJV 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:***

He said we should not lay up treasure on the earth but lay up treasure in heavens. So we are to lay up treasure in heavens. I equally discussed how to do that. It is similar to somebody that is using bill of exchange through Western Union to transfer dollar to Nigeria from a foreign country.

All our acts of alms, kindness, favour rendered to individual, the poor, widow, charity acts, help given into the ministry are all means by which we lay up treasure for ourselves in heaven because these are credited to our account.

I also said in times of need you can draw from what you have sown using Luke 6: 38, Phil 4: 19 and the story of Hezekiah in Isaiah 38 when he was sick, he drew on the good work he had done and got his healing.

Today i will be sharing on the second place where you can lay up

your treasure.

## TREASURING IN THE HEART

*Mat 12:35 KJV A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.*

*Luk 6:45 KJV A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*

There are three major facts to be deduced from this passage:

### 1. There are two group of people

The Bible categorized people into two groups: Good and evil people. Who is a good man and who did Bible calls an evil man? What made him to be good? is it because he dresses well, has good look, work in a good place and earns good income? And what made the other man to be an evil man? Is it because he looks ugly and unfriendly?

In this passage, the Bibles makes us to know that the good man has good treasure in his heart and the same thing with the evil man, he too has evil treasure in his heart. So it is what they carry in their heart that determine whether they are good or evil. They both have treasures.

### 2. There are treasure in their hearts

Treasure means wealth, casket, valuables things or materials or it

could be a deposit itself. Treasure are stored or laid up in the heart. Both good and evil man have treasures. Their hearts are treasure. There fore the second place where we ought to store or lay up our treasure is in the heart

***Pro 4:23 KJV Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.***

because the heart is the depository of all wisdom and the source of whatever affects life and character

***Mat 15:19 KJV For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:***

***Mar 7:21 KJV For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,***

The character of our lives is from our hearts.

**3. They bring forth either good or bad.**

## **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE SEED AND THE TREASURE**

The kingdom is within us and we are in the kingdom.

Luk 17:21 KJV Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

The kingdom is in the heart of man.

the kingdom operates like the seed. The seed

In Mark 4: 1-8, Jesus gave the parable of the sower

*Mar 4:3-9 KJV 3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: 4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. 5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: 6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. 8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. 9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

In this parable Jesus informed the disciples how the kingdom of God operates and works and when the disciples asked Him the meaning of the parable, the Lord told them.

**Mar 4:14 KJV The sower soweth the word.**

*Luk 8:11 KJV Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*

The hearts are different soils on which the seeds were planted. The seed has no problem. It is the soil that determines whether the seed will germinate and bring forth fruit unto abundance or it will be choked up by thorns, cares of this life and deceitfulness of riches.

The seed is the word of God that is planted.

**The seed which is the WORD is the treasure that must be planted or sown in the kingdom of God that is in the heart.**

Where ever there is seed they must be planted.

What type of seed or word are we talking about?

**How do we plant the seed or treasure in our heart? How do we conceive in the heart because the heart is the womb of man?**

Before conception takes place there must be meeting of spora and ovum between male flower and female flower and also between male and female animals. It is a requisite of major creations. It is a law. Everything answer to seed. We became born again through the seed.

**1Pe 1:23 KJV Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.**

**Jas 1:18 KJV Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**

## **1. Through speaking**

God gave us the same ability to speak that He has. It is amazing that it is only man that has the ability to speak among the creations of God. Man is a speaking spirit. With that ability we have, we are to speak words. It is through speaking that we plant the seed or the word in the soil of our heart.

The question is what kind of word are we to speak?

*2Co 4:13 KJV We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;*

*Rom 10:8 KJV But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

*Look at the process again The word is first in your mouth then it goes into your heart*

How does faith come or how do we get the faith?

*Rom 10:17 KJV So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Faith is the substance of things hoped for. It is the evidence of things that are not seen Heb 11: Actually faith is our positive response to what Christ has already done. When we believe those things that He has done, faith rises.

We filled our heart with the word of God. We are to actively speak the word of God because as we speak and believe those things, they are implanted in our heart building up a wealth of treasure. We are configured to believe what we hear ourselves says than what other people says. So when you hear yourself, you are more likely to believe it than when you hear others says the same thing.

## 2. Through meditation

One of the ways of getting the right word is to meditate on the word of God Jos 1: 8. When we meditate, the word paints the picture in our heart and that word becomes the seed. Meditation

is the process of reflecting on the word of God after reading it. It is like when an animal has eaten grass and then comes back to sit, regurgitate those grass and chew them all over again before swallowing them.

We think in pictures. God uses this fact to bring Abraham to a point of faith. Abraham had expressed some concerns about the promises of God,

***Gen 13:16 KJV And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.***

***Gen 15:5 KJV And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.***

So one night God brought him out and asked him to count the number of the stars in heaven, he could not so God said unto him "so shall thy seed be" On another occasion, God told him to number the sands on the seashore, he tried but it was an impossible act. With these pictures in the minds of Abraham, he believed God and God counted that as righteousness.

### **3. Renewal of mindset**

Another way of getting the word into our heart is by renewing our mind with the word of God.

***Rom 12:2 KJV And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

***2Co 3:18 KJV But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.***

This changes the mental picture we carry and eventually changes our perception. We begin to think like New Testament people. Our mind is now now consistent with our spirit. As we do this, we are conceiving in our heart and storing up treasures.

**Pro 23:7 KJV For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.**

Our lives will go the way of our dominant thought. We can not grow above ur thought lives. We are living out what is in our heart. You are speaking the way you talk now because of what is in your heart. If you want your actions and talk to change, change what you think on. Philp 4: 8

You will become what you see in your heart.

## **HOW TO BRING OUT THE TREASURE**

That passage also says the good man out of the good treasure of his bring forth good. The same is applicable to the evil man, he too bring forth.

The Greek word used for "good" is "agathos" and it means: of good constitution or nature, useful, salutary, good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful, happy, excellent, distinguished, upright, honourable

The good may be healing, deliverance from evil, blessings, miracles, job, promotion, breakthrough, wife, husband, children,



cars, houses, ministry, etc.

So the question again is how will those good comes out? Jesus has answered the question there. It is also by speaking. Speaking plants the word and speaking harvest it.

***Luk 6:45 KJV A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.***

***Mat 12:34 KJV O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.***

When a woman conceives she has to give birth when her term is completed, the law of Genesis comes into play here. If the word has been planted and you are pregnant with it, then it is time to give birth to it. The picture you see now gives expression to it. This is the reason why Jesus said a good man brings forth good out of the good treasure or deposit in his heart.

***Pro 18:20 KJV A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.***

***Pro 12:14 KJV A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.***

***Pro 13:2 KJV A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.***

The outcome of your mouth is what is being referred to as the

fruit, there can be no fruit if there is no seed time.

## BY CONFESSION

Confession is "homologia" in Greek and it means to speak forth the same thing. It also means accent, concord.

In Genesis as we have seen, when God has planted the image of what He wanted into the hearts of Abram, Abram believed God. But God wanted to give birth to what He saw for Abram. God went further in Gen 17 by changing the names of Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah with wonderful meanings.

***Gen 17:5 KJV Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.***

Bible says in Rom 4:17 says God calls those things that be not as though they were. So each time Abraham hears his name, he does not hear Abram but he hears the father of many nations and the same thing applies to Sarah, she did not hear Sarai but the mother of many nations.

God used these methods to drive home His point so Abraham began to speak the same word that God spoke, calling those things that be not as though they were. In less than a year, Isaac came.

When we begin to speak the word of God in this manner, we call forth what be not as though they were, we are giving birth to what we carry. First you must carry the image in your heart by planting the seed then releases what you carry by the speaking forth too.

Jesus told the disciples in Mark 11: 23 that faith filled word produces.

***Mar 11:23 KJV For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.***

He will have whatsoever he says. What are you saying?

The Lord says in John 6: 63

***Joh 6:63 KJV It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.***

As long as he hold on to to his confession not to his problem or what the doctor says, he shall future tense have what he says.

***Heb 4:14 KJV Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.***

The word "lay hold" is "krateo" in Greek and it means: to use strength, that is, seize or retain (literally or figuratively): - hold (by, fast), keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take (by).

In order words, it doesn't matter what is taking place, the situation and circumstances you just hold on to your confession.

James said he that doubt is a waver

***Jas 1:6-7 KJV 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he***

***that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.***

Devil is going to tempt you, attempt to stop you intimidate you with fear and doubt but hold on to it. Jesus says he shall have whatever he says.

The picture is a like a man that fell inside a river but found a tree or life buoy, he has to hold on to it till the rescue will come.

How long must i say it Pastor?

***Psa 35:27 KJV Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.***

***Psa 40:16 KJV Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.***

***Psa 70:4 KJV Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.***

The secret is in consistency and persistency. There are many that will confess for two to three days and if nothing happens they abandoned it and says it doesn't work. Where as if Doctor gives them drugs they will use it religiously for three months but they can't stand confession for two weeks.

I said somethings for eight month and heaven opened up

exceeding my expectation.

If you need or believe God for finances, start sowing the seed of faith now, don't wait till when it is one or two weeks before rushing to make your confession.

Plant the seed of good health long time before sickness comes, say every morning, by His stripes i am healed. By that you are laying up treasure in your heart. In case sickness comes, you say again, by His stripe i a m healed this time you release the healing virture in the word in your heart and healing flows into your body.

The same thing for finances, for children, for salvation, healing, breakthrough

it takes time. There is seed time and harvest. Plant the word, allow it to germinate, don't dig it up the following day, leave it. Jesus said it this way?

***Mar 4:27-29 KJV 27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. 28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. 29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.***

it takes time. Paul says to the Colossians that as they receive Christ so they should walk in Him.

**Col 2:6 KJV As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:**

You receive Christ by what Rom 10: 8-9 believe in your heart and

you confessed with your mouth.. So it is the same process sow the seed in your heart to build up treasure then confess them out.

***Rom 10:9-10 KJV 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***

A good man is a man that has been regenerated 2Cor 5:17. He is holy and righteous Ephe 4: 24. His heart is purified by faith. This man brings forth good from what he has treasured in his heart. What are those things he has treasured and how did they get there?

The greatest force on earth is word. Words are very powerful. The book of proverbs says the power of death and life lies in the tongue. The Lord Jesus says by your word you will be judged and by your word you will be justified. He Himself said the words that He speaks are life and the spirit. When God was talking to Jeremiah, He said He had put His word in his mouth and in another place He said the word in Jeremiah will be fire. The book of James said with our tongue we can bridle our body even though the tongue is a very small member of the body just like a big ship is controlled by a small rudder and a big horse is controlled by putting a bit in the mouth. Our words are life changing and can also wreak havoc if improperly used.

Cultivate the habit of speaking the word of God because by that you are already sowing into your heart which is the womb of the spirit. And when you begin to speak again, you release what has

been planted.

## WHAT HAPPEN WHEN YOU SOW AND LAY UP TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

Seed produces after its kind. It will bring forth fruit for you

what you sow is what you reap

You reap more than you sow

You determine amount to reap by amount you sow

You empower the host of heaven to act on your behalf. They hear the voice of His word.

***Psa 103:20 KJV Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.***

What is the vice of His word? When you say the word of God or give expression to it you are giving voice to it and angels are created to hearken to the voice of his word.

When you speak like this, your word does two things (1) creates an atmosphere of faith and (2) acts a electromagnetic force that attracts what you are saying unto you. It works automatically. The force field search around for what you say, creates an enabling environment and circumstance which may involve people and things and it brings it to you.

The word of God is the will of God for us and our words are our will or desire. When you speak, you speak what you will and the Bible says he shall have what he saith.

The word of God in your heart which is where the kingdom is rules over circumstances of life, puts you at the driver seat and command answer to you.

Conclusion:

because the heart is the depository of all wisdom and the source of whatever affects life and character.

if the heart is quickened and sanctified by the grace of God, the man will live a life of faith and holiness here, and enjoy everlasting life hereafter: and if the heart is right, so will the actions of men be; they are regulated and denominated by it; they will then spring from right principles, and be directed to right ends, and performed with right views; great care therefore should be taken of the heart