

Subject: Chapel Service

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Theme: Exploring Biblical Laws of Success -Matthew 5 vs. 13 – 16; Matthew 22 vs. 36 – 39 (Part 4)

Message: The Laws of Hard Work & Association

It is the fear and love of God that gets a nobody to the throne. When God's love finds expression in a man's life it culminates in unimaginable glory. However, hard work is the womb that births vision.

Waiting for success without doing anything makes no sense. Success is not a matter of luck or accidental occurrence; it is a task. Success comes at a price, it does not kill but refines. The anointing, in its highest form, is not a substitute for hard work; the believer must give his assignment all it takes: spirit, soul and body.

Even faith is not a substitute to hard work. No playboy or playgirl emerges tops tomorrow. Any faith that makes God 100 percent responsible for the outcome of a man's life is an irresponsible faith.

The availability of grace does not negate the place of hard work (1 Corinthians 15 vs. 10; 1 Timothy 4 vs. 13 – 16; 2 Timothy 4 vs. 13). Dependency on grace without subscribing to labour will result in disgrace (Proverbs 4 vs. 22; James 2 vs. 18). The 'faith currency' can only purchase what is desired when such desire is backed with commensurate action.

Revelation without application will result in frustration (Deuteronomy 29 vs. 29; John 9 vs. 4). The believer's talent is not a substitute to hard work (Luke 11 vs. 29 - 30), because every good product is a result of undergoing a stretch.

Hard work has no substitute in the quest to arrive at one's glorious destiny, and it is important to state that 'no labour no future.' Every provision of scriptures carries a price and responsibility on the recipient.

It is in the state of idleness that man is most susceptible to trials. "Some temptations come to all men, but all temptations come to idle men." Every idle moment gives the devil an opportunity to strike (2 Corinthians 9 vs. 6).

In addition, wrong association can be devastating to an hitherto God ordained destiny (2 Samuel 13 1 – 15, 33; Numbers 16 vs. 1 - 6). A right association is a great plus to any one craving to fulfill destiny, while wrong association is the pathway to destruction (Psalm 1 vs. 1 - 3).

Who you follow determines what follows you (Genesis 13 vs. 5 – 6; Genesis 30 vs. 27; Proverbs 30 vs. 20). Walking with the wise will surely makes wise.