

UPSIDE DOWN THE WAY OF THE KINGDOM
PART 7 – “PARABLE OF THE EVIL FARMERS”
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 21:33-43
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INTRODUCTION

- Every parable teaches an **important** lesson about the Kingdom of God.
- Living in His Kingdom means that regardless of where you go or who you are with, the Kingdom of God lives inside of you.

I. THE PARABLE

- The landowner represents **God**. The vineyard represents Israel. The tenants represent the religious leaders. The servants represent the prophets. The son represents **Jesus**.
- Deuteronomy 7:7, “The Lord did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations!”
- The pit, the grapes, the wall and the watchtower represent all the **blessings** God gave Israel.

II. TWO PRINCIPLES TO REMEMBER

1. God has given me everything I need to be productive, blessed and **satisfied**.
 - 2 Peter 1:3, “By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life...”
 - God has **equipped** me to bear fruit.

- Colossians 1:10, “Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit...”
2. One day, I will give an **account** of how I used all that God gave me - my money, my time, my family, my talents.
 - Romans 14:12, “Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.”
 - Could our dissatisfaction and lack of fulfillment be fixed by living lives that are **purposeful** - God-centered and others focused?”

III. TWO QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. Where am I **ignoring** God’s warning either through His Word, another person or in my heart?
 - Romans 2:4, “Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?”
2. Do I want the **blessings** of the Kingdom without submitting to the King?
 - If you are living under His Kingdom, you will have access to His power and His wisdom and His provision amid the **challenges** and trials of life.