

# BREAKING BROKE PT 13

## THE TRUST TEST

### *Why God Multiplies What You Manage*

#### **INTRODUCTION: THE UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTION**

Church, I need to ask you something that might sting a little. If God truly desires to increase you...why hasn't He? If Heaven is not broke...why are we? If the Kingdom adds...why does addition seem inconsistent?

The answer is not favor. The answer is not destiny. The answer is not gifting.

The answer is stewardship.

The Kingdom does not multiply potential. The Kingdom multiplies management.

And until we understand that we will keep praying for increase while mismanaging what is already in our hand.

#### **POINT 1 — GOD TESTS BEFORE HE TRUSTS**

Luke 16:10-11- <sup>10</sup> He who is **FAITHFUL** in what is **LEAST** is **FAITHFUL** also in **MUCH**; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. <sup>11</sup> Therefore if you have not

been **faithful in the UNRIGHTEOUS MAMMON**, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

- Notice something. He did not say “If you are gifted in little.” He did not say “If you are passionate in little.” He said faithful.

**That word “mammon” is critical.**

- Mammon is not simply money - Mammon is money personified.
- In ancient Near Eastern culture, Mammon referred to wealth trusted in as security.

**Some scholars trace it to an Aramaic term meaning “THAT IN WHICH ONE TRUSTS.” In certain regions, it became associated with a DEITY OF RICHES. A spiritual personification of WEALTH AS A MASTER.**

- Jesus speaks of Mammon as if it has agency because it does. **Mammon is the spirit** that teaches you to trust money instead of God.
- It whispers: You are secure because of your account. You are powerful because of your assets. You are stable because of your income.
- Jesus does not say you can use Mammon and God. He says you will serve one and despise the other.

- This is not about having money - It is about trusting money.

**Mammon is not currency in your pocket. It is confidence in your pocket. And here is the test.**

- **If you cannot be faithful with Mammon — which is temporary, measurable, and earthly — why would God entrust you with true riches?**

**What are true riches?**

- Spiritual authority.
- Kingdom influence.
- Revelation.
- Responsibility.
- Territory.
- Rulership.

**Money is not the TREASURE...Money is the TEST.**

- Heaven does not evaluate you by how much you have. Heaven evaluates you by how you handle what you have.
- Mammon tests your trust. True riches require trustworthiness.

**God will never release SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY to someone mastered by MATERIAL SECURITY.**

And here is the uncomfortable truth. Many believers want Kingdom authority while still bowing to Mammon. They want spiritual power but emotional dependence on money. They want rulership but panic when finances shift. That is why Jesus places this teaching in the context of stewardship. Before God enlarges you, He tests you.

Before God entrusts you with influence, He evaluates your integrity.

**If money rules you, power will destroy you.**

**The Kingdom is not impressed with charisma. It is impressed with consistency. Faithfulness is the currency of trust.**

When Jesus asked who would entrust true riches to someone unfaithful with natural resources, He exposed a Kingdom pattern:

**Before Heaven releases SPIRITUAL SCALE, it evaluates NATURAL STEWARDSHIP.**

- God will test you with what you can see before He trusts you with what you cannot.
- Increase is not random - It is reviewed.

**Before God increases you PUBLICLY, He studies how you behave PRIVATELY.**

## POINT 2 — SCALE FOLLOWS STEWARDSHIP

**Matthew 25:14–30** - <sup>14</sup> “For *the* **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** is like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and **DELIVERED HIS GOODS TO THEM.** <sup>15</sup> And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each **ACCORDING TO HIS OWN ABILITY**; and immediately he went on a journey. <sup>16</sup> Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them and made another five talents. <sup>17</sup> And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received one went and dug in the ground and hid his lord’s money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

<sup>20</sup> “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were **faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.** Enter into the joy of your lord.’ <sup>22</sup> He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ <sup>23</sup> His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; **you have**

**been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'**

<sup>24</sup> "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> And I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.'

<sup>26</sup> "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed. <sup>27</sup> So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give *it* to him who has ten talents.'

<sup>29</sup> **'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.'** <sup>30</sup> And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

In the parable of the talents, every servant received something.

- Not equally. Not identically. But intentionally.

**The master gave according to ABILITY. That means Heaven already knows your CAPACITY.**

- The difference was not in what they were given. The difference was in what they did with it.
- Two servants invested. One buried.
- The one who buried did not lose because he lacked opportunity. **He lost because he refused responsibility.**

And then the master said something that shocks modern thinking: **take from him what he has and give it to the one who has more.**

**That sounds harsh — until you understand Kingdom economics.**

**The Kingdom reallocates from the CARELESS to the CAPABLE.**

**And if that feels intense, it's because we've been taught entitlement instead of responsibility.**

**Transition:** Now here is where this becomes prophetic.

**POINT 3 — GOD WILL NOT FUND MISMANAGEMENT**

**You can pray for expansion all day long. But if your current structure cannot handle it, Heaven will not release it.**

- If you cannot manage \$1,000, you will drown in \$100,000. If you cannot manage one opportunity, ten will expose you.

**God is not STINGY - He is STRATEGIC.**

- The Kingdom is not broke but it is careful.
- **Increase does not solve chaos. It magnifies it.**

**God will not enlarge what you REFUSE TO DISCIPLINE.**

- Many people are asking God for more but ignore what they already have.
- Time unmanaged. Money misused. Relationships neglected. Habits undisciplined.

**Then we ask, “Why hasn’t God increased me?”  
Because...**

**Heaven does not finance DYSFUNCTION.**

**POINT 4 — STEWARDSHIP IS STRUCTURAL ALIGNMENT**

Stewardship includes Time. Attention. Influence. Skill. Energy. Money. So why does Jesus address money?

## **Money is simply the most measurable test.**

- If your time is chaotic, increase will multiply chaos.
- If your habits are unstable, scale will amplify instability.

## **The Kingdom multiplies what is stable.**

Promotion in the Kingdom is never emotional. It is structural.

**Psalm 75 says promotion does not come from the east or west, but from the Lord. That means elevation is intentional.**

**Heaven promotes reliability and stability because money does not change who you are...it REVEALS WHO YOU ARE. Money is not a TRANSFORMER it is a MAGNIFIER.**

- If you are disciplined, money multiplies discipline. If you are generous, money multiplies generosity. If you are chaotic, money multiplies chaos. If you are insecure, money multiplies insecurity.

**Increase does not fix character - Increase exposes it.**

**That is why God looks for stability before He releases scale.**

**Transition - Now let's take this deeper.**

## **POINT 5 — STEWARDSHIP IS A MATTER OF IDENTITY**

The reason stewardship is difficult is because it requires maturity.

- Children consume. Sons manage.
- Slaves work for wages. Sons work for inheritance.

**When you understand you are part of a Kingdom, your posture changes. You stop asking, “What can I get?” and start asking, “What have I been entrusted with?”**

**The early church fathers taught that humanity was restored not just to salvation, but to rulership. That rulership requires discipline.**

**God is not trying to raise spiritual dependents - He is raising Kingdom stewards.**

**Stewardship proves you are ready to rule.**

**PROPHETIC MOMENT**

Some of you have been praying for increase for years. And the Spirit of the Lord would say: “What have you done with what I already gave you?”

Because the Kingdom does not respond to need. It responds to faithfulness. This is not condemnation. This is invitation.

**GOD WANTS TO TRUST YOU!**

**But trust is earned in little things.**

**Breaking broke is not about getting more. It is about becoming trustworthy.**

- When you manage little well, God entrusts much. When you discipline what is small, God expands what is stable.

**Stop praying for more - Start stewarding what you have.**

**And watch what Heaven does.**