

LEARN OF ME

MATTHEW 11

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²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Introduction:

We are never too old to learn lessons. I knew a lady over 70 years old, named Ella, who just delighted when she learned how to do something new, like taking meals to someone else in need, feeding college students, or having over-night guests.

In our Spiritual walk with the Lord, it's always good to learn new lessons, or to relearn ones that we might have forgotten. Here are some lessons for us to apply to our lives from Mark 6:30-52:

1. REPORT - I SHOULD MAKE MYSELF ACCOUNTABLE DAILY TO GOD. (VS. 30)

(Mark 6:30) "And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught."

The disciples returned from a missions trip. They reported to Jesus what they had done and what they had taught.

A. They were accountable!

It would be a good policy to examine our lives each evening before the Lord, reporting to Him, thanking Him, and confessing our failures.

2. REST - I SHOULD TAKE TIME FOR PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL REST. (VS. 31)

(Mark 6:31) "And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat."

A. My body needs rest.

B. My Spirit needs rest and revitalization in the Word, prayer, and fellowship.

3. REALITY - I SHOULD HAVE COMPASSION ON OTHERS. (VSS.32-34)

(Mark 6:32-34) "And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. {33} And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither

out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. {34} And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things."

A. Jesus saw that these people were like "sheep without a shepherd", so He had compassion on them and taught them.

B. How much compassion do we have for the physical and Spiritual needs of others?

4. RESPONSIBILITY - I SHOULD SHARE WHAT I HAVE SPIRITUALLY. GOD WILL MULTIPLY IT. (VSS. 35-44)

(Mark 6:35-44) "And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: {36} Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. {37} He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? {38} He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. {39} And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. {40} And they sat down in ranks,

by hundreds, and by fifties. {41} And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. {42} And they did all eat, and were filled. {43} And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. {44} And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men."

A. Just as the little boy with 5 loaves and 2 fishes shared his lunch and saw it feed 5,000, as we share what we have Spiritually, God will multiply that to bless others.

5. RELIANCE - I SHOULD LOOK FOR JESUS IN THE STORM. (VSS. 45-52)

(Mark 6:45-52) "And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. {46} And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. {47} And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. {48} And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. {49} But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

{50} For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. {51} And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. {52} For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened."

A. Just as the disciples saw Jesus coming to help them in the midst of trouble, let's realize that Jesus will come to help us in the midst of our troubles. (see Hebrews 13:5)

(Hebrews 13:5) "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Close: Let's learn of Him.