



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## August 15, 2021



### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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## The Kingdom Snowball

Jesus taught, "For to everyone who has, *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away." (Matthew 25:29).

My first impression of this was, "that's not fair!" Yet, Jesus clearly believed it and taught it. He told a parable about a master who gave talents to three servants, expecting productive returns from his generosity. To the servants who doubled their talents, Jesus said, "Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:21).

But to the servant who hid his talent, Jesus said, "You worthless, lazy slave! ... take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents." (Matthew 25:26-28). Just as a lamp should not be hidden (Mark 4:21-25), neither should the gifts and talents given to us by God for His purposes.

We do not remain static and neither does God's kingdom. It works like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a full tree in which birds can nest (Matthew 13:32). Love grows. So does sin. Decide which force you will feed. God rewards faithful service with more faithful service. As for the lazy, they will lose the gifts they once had.

Here's how the kingdom snowball often rolls:

- When a need calls for a special contribution, our regular giving rises beyond the norm.
- In relationships (like marriage), the more love we give, the more it is likely to return to us and bless others (like the children and the church).
- When we face a set-back, we increase our trust in God knowing that He is glorified when others see us overcome the setback.

This is how we enter the joy of our Master!