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“Leadership is the art and science of inspiring others to reach their full potential in the pursuit of a common vision”

Dr. James Bultman

Today Scripture Reference

Hebrews 6:7-8

Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.



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The TCL E-Leadership Resource Good Leaders Drink A Lot

There is no doubt that some of you thought that our title today was a prelude to a discussion on Christian liberty. Some of you might even be experiencing a bad day up to now and were hoping you could use this article to justify having a beer right about now. After all, even Paul encouraged Timothy to take a bit of wine for his stomach.

Sorry my friends ... not today. Our Scripture has everything to do with thirst, drinking and growing as a useful servant of God. While the location of this parable was likely a result of it supporting a larger theological truth, we will use it today specifically focusing on what its content is encouraging us to do.

Are you thirsty right now? What are you thirsty for? How much of the things of God are you drinking? As a professing Christian, you are indwelt with the Holy Spirit, ... an internal rain storm if you will, that rains daily within you. It is up to you whether or not to absorb the things of God or become like an unbeliever, who has no access to the power of its moisture. Both the believer and the unbeliever know that if you stand in the rain, your clothes will get wet. However, only the believer has access to the knowledge that he must tilt his head back, open his/her mouth and even stick their tongues out to absorb the things of God. There is no "filling up" within an unbeliever.

Our passage says that God provides this rain "often" We, as leaders, can measure how often we stick our tongue out by examining our crops. After a close inspection, would we say that what we are producing has value to those around us? Is our crop only for our own consumption or, by its nature, is there enough for everybody that God has surrounded us with? Those of us who have a kingdom purpose for our activities might find it easier to identify who might benefit greatly from the crop we have produced. Those of you that don't have a purpose might look at what you have and sense that it has as much value as a thorn bush, not worthy of passing along to anyone.

As a leader, do you think this verse applies to you? "... *From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.*" Luke 12:48 NIV.

Size up what responsibilities and authority you have as a business or ministry leader and then identify what parts of that you have acquired on your own. If you agree that we have received it all from God, then we must ask ourselves if we have been trustworthy with ALL OF IT.

At this stage of my life, there are not many days that go by whereby I lament the complete waste of portions of my life. If Christ had come in those periods of my life, what I had produced for Him would have been an embarrassment. While I would have been spared, my crops He would have burned.

Friends, the value of what you have grown will be directly proportional to how much of the Word of God that you have tasted. The more you taste of what is good, the more you feast on what you eat. The more you feast on God's word, the thirstier you get. The thirstier you get, the more you drink. The more often you drink, the more the Holy Spirit demonstrates His power through you and what you have produced.

The law says "Don't drink and drive" I say ... just drink... a lot.

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