

The Power of ...

Yes!



Matthew 21:28-31/ Ecclesiastes 11:4-6

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- *For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it-- Luke 14:28 (NKJV)*

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- **Matthew 21:28-31 (CEV)**

²⁸ Jesus said: I will tell you a story about a man who had two sons. Then you can tell me what you think. The father went to the older son and said, "Go work in the vineyard today!" ²⁹ His son told him that he would not do it, but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The man then told his younger son to go work in the vineyard. The boy said he would, but he didn't go. ³¹ Which one of the sons obeyed his father? "The older one," the chief priests and leaders answered. Then Jesus told them: You can be sure that tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you ever will!

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- **YES** is the Response of **RISK-TAKERS**

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- **RISKTAKERS** give up a lot in hopes of gaining a greater return!
 - The gain is normally not for them..but rather on behalf of others

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Biblical Risk-Takers

- **Noah** **Gen 6-7**
- **Abraham** **Gen 12**
- **Moses** **Ex 1-2**

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- As we take the **Risk...** God provides the **means (resources)** to accomplish His Divine task

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- **Risk-Takers** cannot live in the realm of Complacency & Satisfaction.

Those places are only good for a “*Temporary*” lodging (abode)

- **He becomes a “settler” – one who settles or fixed or stuck; conclusive, resolved**

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- **Eccl. 11:4-6 (NLT)**
- *Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest. ⁵ Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things. ⁶ Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both.*

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Are you a Settler?

- Settlers like to hide behind that façade of Satisfaction/Contentment
- Settlers like to stay in safe/familiar territory
- Settlers make excuses for not taking “Divine Challenges” (God didn’t call me to that)
- Settlers do not see the value in risking life for others or the greater gain
- Settlers rather play it safe then take the Risk
- Settlers like for others to stay settled (stuck) with them

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Settlers Can Become **Risk-Takers...**

By simply saying YES!

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- **The Widow of Zarephath**

- **8** *Then the word of the Lord came to him, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”*

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- *13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’ ” 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.*

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- **The Widow of Zarephath**

1. *She was given a “**Divine Task**” with the hopes of a **greater return!***

2. *She was in a state of “**complacency**” (settler)–
She was ready to die*

3. *She decided to take a Risk*

4. *By taking the Risk... She was given the means to feed her household “**for many days**”*