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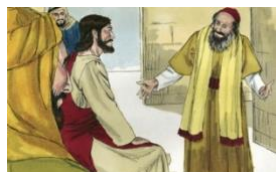
- ✓ The Greek word "ecclesia" is correctly defined as "the called-out (ones)"
- ✓ The term "ecc" in Greek means "out";
- ✓ The term "kaleo" in Greek means "call."

KIDS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS_Ecclesia Economics – “How?”_Pastor John Bendixen_11 July 2021_WTB

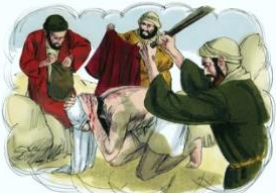
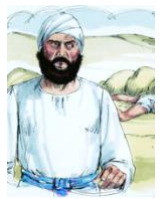
Ecclesia: Extract - Ecclesia is a ruling body, a governing authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, put on the earth by God for His will to get done - no matter what the time, no matter what the season.



Jesus gave a two-fold order (mandate): Extract - To preach the gospel, to be the **light and salt** and to make living disciples in the Ecclesia - operating in a level of authority (like Jesus did). Jesus didn't lack anything. He did not have financial problems on assignment. His assignment was to serve people (not to build Himself a kingdom or to collect assets - like money, property, land, buildings). **He had a relationship with the Heavenly Father**, that whatever situation He was faced with, He was able to meet any need under the power of God.



Jesus answered a question from a LAWYER: READ: Luke 10:25-37 (AMPC). Extract - His answer put out a standard of life (not of law). The lawyer asked another legal question, because he didn't want the responsibility of having to live that standard.



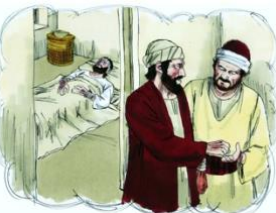
- The **priest** and the **Levite**, who were called to serve people in Jerusalem, they were on their way to Jericho (the first fruits of God) but both walked past their neighbour.
- The **Samaritan** (who the Jews ignored) was the one who took care of the man. His only thought was, "Here's my neighbour in a bad way, I must serve him". He took his own energy / time / money / assets / skills / potential chances, to care for himself, and gave it to someone in trouble. He used oil and wine to cleanse the man's wounds and to bring healing, restoring, and protection to him. He took care of him and did not say, "I've got business to do, people to meet, places to go". He gave his own energy, kindness (compassion) and concern (sympathy). Not only did he feel pity but he acted on it. He allowed himself to be involved.



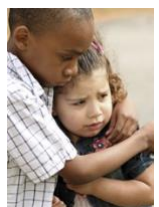
Ecclesia: Extract - The good Samaritan shows us what the Ecclesia should look like - the Church of the Lord Jesus. We must undo the works of the devil (who steals, kills, and destroys). We must engage with the Holy Spirit and allow Him to work on our hearts so that we allow ourselves to be meaningfully involved in the works of Jesus. Not just, "Here's my money".



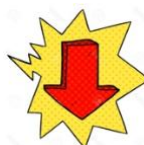
The Samaritan: Extract - The Samaritan was reasonably successful in business, he never even thought about the effects of giving four days' worth of money. He was driven to serve with it. **I say - I need to carry the heart of God with me. My assets are tools in the hands of God.** We should never have a heart attitude of, "I have given, so that is enough." This man was so past what the value of money was to him, compared to what it was doing. He was saying - "Whatever it takes, meet the need". **READ: Luke 10:37 (AMPC).**

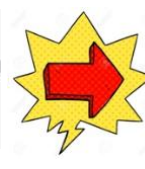
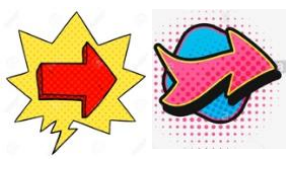
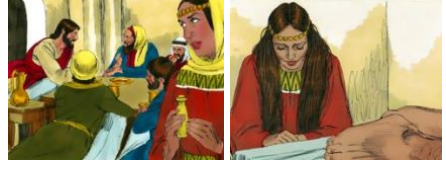


What's important: READ: Luke 10:27 (AMPC). Extract - This is your walk with God and your neighbour. **I say - I understand that I am not the important thing, but my walk with God and my neighbour is the important things.** **Extract - Yourself** becomes a clay vessel in which God reflects who He is. In a meaningful love relationship with God you will understand that you can then love (and serve) anybody. The Samaritan didn't care how much money was involved. This is not about the money, it is about a heart condition. It is a people-serving message; money was just a tool. This is how God wants us to use our finances, resources and our assets, one of which is ourselves.



Holy transaction: READ: John 12:3-5, 7-8 (AMPC). Extract - Jesus shared about money on assignment - the way God views money and assignment. Jesus understood that **Judas**

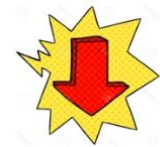
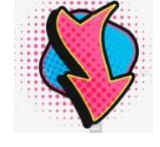




was obviously being tempted by money and that he did not care about the poor. Judas was seeing the transaction of a year's worth of money from his own selfishness (value system of money, cost, worth, return on investment). The poor will always be there, but no value can be put on what Mary did. Her actions were based on assignment, it was an act of prophecy, a point of worship. Mary's money / investment / finances were taking care of an assignment that the Heavenly Father has proclaimed in one moment. In that moment **Mary's posture was one of prayer, worship, submission, honour and recognition** of the impact that Jesus had on her life. Mary's act in the purest form was a curse against Judas.



Fragrance to God: Extract – Money on proper assignment for the purposes of what the Body of Christ needs to do on the earth, is always about right now (in the moment) and it is like a fragrance that is released into the Heavenly realms. **Your life can be a fragrance for God**, it can be the life of God to the world - a sweet-smelling, powerful aroma that affects everybody around you, on your assignment. **I say** – I give because I understand what God wants me to do with money. I never give because I'm influenced or forced to give. I give because God has moved on my heart, so I give willingly and freely, with the love of God.



MULTIPLY: READ: Matthew 15:32-37 (AMPC). Extract – Jesus' assignment was to teach, touch and minister, but He had sympathy for, and was deeply moved, by the people's physical needs. Jesus asked for the bit of resources they had. What does Jesus do with all you got? He makes it multiply for everybody to have whatever they need to have - with leftovers. God knows any need you might have. He is always an abundance God, He will always meet your needs and will always give more than enough. The disciples just managed the bread (resources). **I say** - It is my job as a manager of the things that the Lord Jesus Christ gives me (resources) to become the answer / fragrance to the world; to multiply and to meet people's needs. **Extract** – A resource on assignment is a sweet-smelling fragrance to God. The resource will always: be there; multiply in your hands; impact people, and there will be left over. **I say** – I'm not a person who asks, "How much?" (value -driven), I am an assignment-driven person who asks, out of a deep love for God, "How?", "How do You want to use my resources, Father?" **Extract** – Allowing Him to show you the "How" for your resources on assignment, will bring fragrance everywhere.

