

The Difficult Man's Expectations

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Thesis:

Seek First to Glorify God

Introduction:

(I Timothy 4:14a)

Do not neglect the gift that is in you;

I. Corruption Consumes Us

(Acts 12: 20-24)

20 He had been very angry with the Tyrians and Sidonians. Together they presented themselves before him. They won over Blastus, who was in charge of the king's bedroom, and through him they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food from the king's country.

21 So on an appointed day, dressed in royal robes and seated on the throne, Herod delivered a public address to them.

22 The assembled people began to shout, "It's the voice of a god and not of a man!"

23 At once an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give the glory to God, and he became infected with worms and died.

24 Then God's message flourished and multiplied.

Herod Eaten By Worms
Herod Took Glory That Belonged to God

II. Has Your Salt and Light Been Corrupted?

(Matthew 5: 13-16)

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

What is Purpose of Salt and Light?
To Glorify God

Salt -

Contaminated Salt Does Not Produce Purity. It Does Not
Glorify God!

It Loses Flavor and Effectiveness, Because of Foolish and
Immoral Behavior.

Nothing Grows Where Salt is Thrown Out.

Are You Over Concerned with Earthly Matters?

Light -

Is an Extension of God's Work

God the Father is to Be Praised For He is the Source of
Good Works



Avoid Corruption - Be and Do What God Has Called You To

God Has Never Called Without Equipping Us First

(Matthew 25: 14-30)

14 “For it is just like a man going on a journey. He called his own slaves and turned over his possessions to them.

15 To one he gave five talents; to another, two; and to another, one—to each according to his own ability. Then he went on a journey. Immediately

16 the man who had received five talents went, put them to work, and earned five more.

17 In the same way the man with two earned two more.

18 But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master’s money.

19 “After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

20 The man who had received five talents approached, presented five more talents, and said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. Look, I’ve earned five more talents.’

21 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy!’

22 “Then the man with two talents also approached. He said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. Look, I’ve earned two more talents.’

23 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy!’

24 “Then the man who had received one talent also approached and said, ‘Master, I know you. You’re a difficult man, reaping where you haven’t sown and gathering where you haven’t scattered seed.

25 So I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. Look, you have what is yours.’

26 “But his master replied to him, ‘You evil, lazy slave! If you knew that I reap where I haven’t sown and gather where I haven’t scattered,

27 then you should have deposited my money with the bankers. And when I returned I would have received my money back with interest.

28 “So take the talent from him and give it to the one who has 10 talents.

29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have more than enough. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

30 And throw this good-for-nothing slave into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

*Chosen to Be Servants
Prepared Work For Us
Equipped Already To Do His Work*

Conclusion:

*Live Beyond Self-Centeredness
Live God's Plan for You*

(II Peter 1:3)

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.