CONTAGIOUS GENEROSITY | GRACE THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

UNDIMINISHING RETURN: THE GUARANTEE WE CAN'T OUTMATCH

Luke 18:28-30

11.2.25

There's no such thing as a diminishing return in following Jesus; He is worth all we have to give & more

Three absolute certainties within Jesus' guarantee of a good return to all who sacrifice for his kingdom:

WHO CAN COUNT ON IT — A SOUND SECURITY

#1 THERE'S NO EXCLUSIONS: YOU CAN ABSOLUTELY COUNT ON IT — '...truly, I say to you, there is no one...who will not receive...' (28-29)

It's reliable; good for all who sacrifice for his kingdom | Banish the thought: "I'll be excluded"

Three basic reasons you can count on this guarantee personally:

Who Gives It — The Authority Is Sound

#1 YOU CAN TRUST THE <u>SOURCE</u> — IT COMES *DIRECTLY FROM JESUS* – '...truly, I say to you...' (28a) This good return is guaranteed by Jesus himself

Who It Regards — The Capacity Is Sound

#2 YOU CAN TRUST THE <u>SCOPE</u> — IT COVERS ALL WHO QUALIFY – '...there is no one ...' (28a)

This good return is guaranteed for everyone who's sacrificed for His kingdom

How It's Made & What It Consists Of — The Deliberacy Is Sound

#3 YOU CAN TRUST THE <u>STATEMENT</u> ITSELF — IT MAKES PLAIN SENSE – '...who will not receive ...' (28a)

A good return is exactly what his guarantee entails

WHETHER IT'S WORTH IT — A CLEAR SUPERIORITY

#2 THERE'S NO COMPETITION: IT'S TOTALLY WORTH IT — '...many times more...' (30a)

It's worthwhile; offering far more than any sacrifice may cost us I Banish the thought: "I'll be disappointed"

Two simple promises prove the superiority of the return over any sacrifice:

What It Is — The Comparison Is Clear

#1 YOU WON'T FIND A BETTER <u>DEAL</u> — IT'S AN OBJECTIVELY WORTHWHILE TRADE – '...more...' (30b)

This good return is definitionally better than any theoretically 'comparable' sacrifice

How Good It Is — The Extent Is Clear

#2 YOU WON'T FIND A BETTER RATE — IT'S AN OBVIOUSLY WORTHWHILE TRADE – '...many times...' (30a)

This good return is better than any sacrifice not just incrementally, but exponentially

#3 THERE'S NO EXPIRATION: IT WILL PAY OUT ETERNALLY — '...in this time, and in the age to come, eternal life...' (30b)

It's durable; enduring far beyond any regret of loss | Banish the thought: "I'll end up empty-handed"

Two proofs that the durability of the joy this return will bring transcends any theoretical sacrifice:

When It Will Be Enjoyed — The Span Is Great

#1 YOU WON'T REGRET THE <u>PAYOUT</u> — IT'S FOR NOW & LATER – '...in this time, and the age to come...' (30c)
This good return is to be enjoyed in all realms — this present age and the one to come

What It's Like to Enjoy — The Nature Is Great

#2 YOU WON'T REGRET THE PROVISION — IT'S OF A SPECIAL NATURE – '...eternal life...' (30d)

This good return is better than any temporal sacrifice; not only by degree, but in kind