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A Parable: Follow The Instructions

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This was the first parable and others followed.

There once was a world wide company that had local plants in almost every city and village in the world. Its board of directors had an open door policy. Any of the plant managers or the workers could write or call about suggestions to improve productivity or to discuss any problems about the plant or plant personnel.

All the plants had a written book of policy that the managers were to follow in order to make the finest product in all the world. All products produced were of the same quality and met the specifications set up in the book of policy.

A problem of change began to occur that was not authorized in the policy manual. Some of the plant managers started talking and meeting together discussing ways to change production and the final product. They thought they could institute these changes unknown to the board of directors to save time and work in producing the final product. Other managers world wide heard about these changes and meetings. They also met and made changes in production convincing the workers all was okay and the finished product would still meet specifications.

Everyone thought they were doing excellent work by making the changes. Now the managers and production workers had more time off. They did whatever their hearts desired. They ran here and there chasing their own desires and fulfilling their wants. The board of directors saw all of this going on and never said a word to anyone in the plants for a long time. The board saw and knew that the product had become imperfect and did not meet the original specifications. By now the board had their own plans to correct all that is wrong. When the plan is implemented there will be great cries of anguish among the managers and plant workers, for it will mean back to the policy manual.

Matthew 24:44-51 **44** *You also must be ready all the time. For the Son of Man will come when least expected.* **45** *"Who is a faithful, sensible servant, to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his household and feeding his family?"* **46** *If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.* **47** *I assure you, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.* **48** *But if the servant is evil and thinks, 'My master won't be back for a while,'* **49** *and begins oppressing the other servants, partying, and getting*

drunk--50 well, the master will return unannounced and unexpected. 51 He will tear the servant apart and banish him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.(NLT) Added this Scripture 08-05-02.

The Spirit spoke this to me in prayer and said make it a parable: "The Church is making Christians, but leaving them to wither and die, for the Church is weak, immature and lacking itself. " The above parable is the result of what the Holy Spirit spoke. Then the Spirit started asking me questions and making statements--- Does the community fear the Church? Does the Church fear God or man? Look at yourself--Are you living the Word or talking about the Word. Do you have heart love or head knowledge? Pastors, leaders—What is your daily time in the Word, prayer and fasting? Are you living the Word or giving it lip service? Are you a good or poor example for the sheep? For the sheep follow and do what the leader does--good or bad. Live the Word and God will come alive from the pages of his Word. Believe like children--accept God's Word as it is written and follow God's Word.

***Psalms 50:16-23** 16 But God says to the wicked: "Recite my laws no longer, and don't pretend that you obey me.17 For you refuse my discipline and treat my laws like trash. 18 When you see a thief, you help him, and you spend your time with adulterers. 19 Your mouths are filled with wickedness, and your tongues are full of lies. 20 You sit around and slander a brother-- your own mother's son. 21 While you did all this, I remained silent, and you thought I didn't care. But now I will rebuke you, listing all my charges against you. 22 Repent, all of you who ignore me, or I will tear you apart, and no one will help you. 23 But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God."* (NLT) Added 02-08-02.

***Isaiah 42:13-15** 13 The LORD will march forth like a mighty man; he will come out like a warrior, full of fury. He will shout his thundering battle cry, and he will crush all his enemies. 14 He will say, "I have long been silent; yes, I have restrained myself. But now I will give full vent to my fury; I will gasp and pant like a woman giving birth. 15 I will level the mountains and hills and bring a blight on all their greenery. I will turn the rivers into dry land and will dry up all the pools.* (NLT) Added 06-28-02

***Isaiah 56:10-11** 10 For the leaders of my people--the Lord's watchmen, his shepherds--are blind to every danger. They are like silent watchdogs that give no warning when danger comes. They love to lie around, sleeping and dreaming. 11 And they are as greedy as dogs, never satisfied. They are stupid shepherds, all following their own path, all of them intent on personal gain.* (NLT) Added 08-15-02

The Lord has shown that he has been silent and in his love, grace and mercy he has let things go and all think there are no problems. God has his thoughts, ways, and plans and it will be by his Word and obedience to his Word. Amen.

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