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Fellowship of Companies for Christ East of the River Chapter February 17, 2016

- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- Today's Topic: **Are you "Minding the Store?"**



Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense. –Proverbs 12:11

Jesus shared many truths using agricultural parables and examples: Based on Proverbs 12:11, would you agree that there are three very practical

AGRICULTURAL PARABLE	PASSAGES	BUSINESS PRINCIPLE
The Sower	Matt 13:3-23, Mk 4:2-20, Lk 8:4-15,	
The Tares	Matthew 13:24-30	
The Mustard Seed	Matt 13:31-32, Mk 4:30-32, Lk 13:18-19	
The Laborers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16	
The Wicked Husbandman	Matt 21:33-45, Mk 12:1-12, Lk 20:9-19	
The Fig Tree	Matt 24:32-44, Mk 13:28-32, Lk 21:29-33	
The Growing Seed	Mark 4:26-29	
The Barren Fig Tree	Luke 13:6-9	

realities to any business: **Revenue? Profit? Cash flow?** These are the financial "food" of any business. If you don't generate these, then you're not operating a business; you're chasing fantasies. It make take a while if you're a new start-up business, or launching new products and services, but in due season, you should be able to manufacture a living. If you can't, then perhaps it's time for a dramatic change.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, as the years go by, you may get tired or bored; there may be a temptation to "coast;" to reach a point when you feel that you don't have to "work" the business; that revenue, profit and cash flow will be strong regardless of whether you're minding the store. Yes, it's wise for us to remove ourselves from the business ("detach," as we discussed a few meetings ago) for a season, but then you have to dive back in and work. In my observation, absentee ownership rarely works out in the long-run, and the impact on morale is usually negative--unless the owner is an ogre!

Is your business generating financial food? If not, why not?

Are you diligently "working the land?" If not, why not?

In what aspects of working your land are you weak? Why? What are the solutions?

Evaluate yourself from 1 (low) to 10 (high) in terms of "minding the store."	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by "minding the store" more diligently?										
What specific actions can you take to do so?										

- God Willing, "This Is My Story" here on March 2 @ 7:30 am
- Upcoming news/events
- Closing prayer