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**“THE INVITATION TO  
KINGDOM RESPONSIBILITY”**

**What is a “parable”? – an earthly story cast alongside a spiritual truth to help the listener understand that specific spiritual truth.**



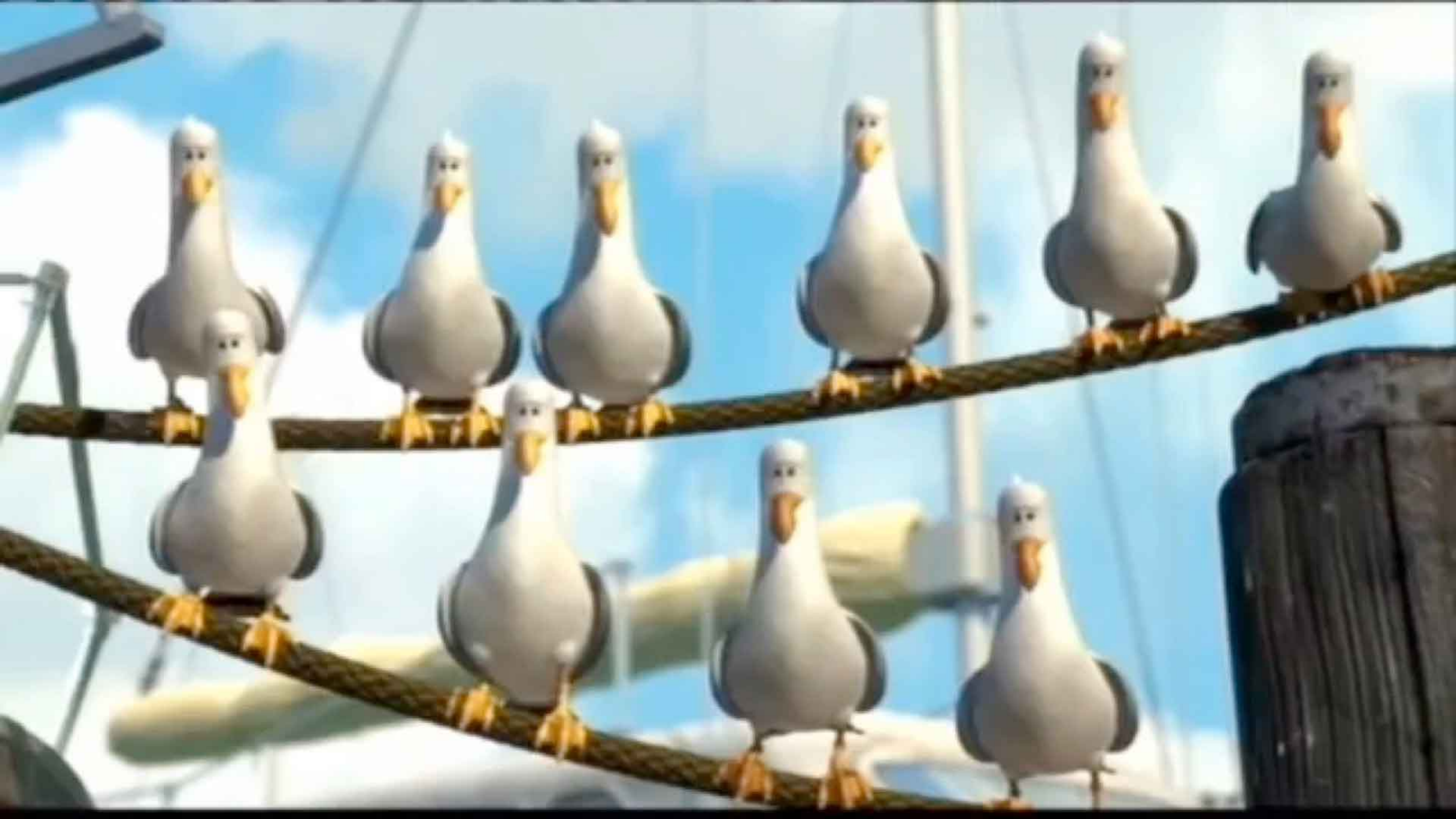
**And now, little children, abide in Him,  
that when He appears, we may have  
confidence and not be ashamed before  
Him at His coming.**

**I JOHN 2:28**

## **IN THIS PARABLE:**

- The man going on a journey represents Jesus.
- His going on a journey represents Jesus' ascension.
- The servants represent Christians who are awaiting the Second Coming of Christ
- The talents represent God's resources which God has bestowed on us.
- The man's return represents Jesus' Second Coming.
- The master's assessment of the faithfulness of the servants represents Jesus' judgment of us on Judgment Day.







Let a man so consider us, as servants  
of Christ and stewards of the  
mysteries of God.

I CORINTHIANS 4:1

**Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.**

**1 CORINTHIANS 4:2**



# ABILITY

Dunamis - power, strength, ability to carry out something

Whatever you do [whatever your task may be], work from the soul [that is, put in your very best effort], as [something done] for the Lord and not for men,

COLOSSIANS 3:23 AMP

Knowing [with all certainty] that it is from the Lord [not from men] that you will receive the inheritance which is your [greatest] reward. It is the Lord Christ whom you [actually] serve.

COLOSSIANS 3:24 AMP



**For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.**

**MATTHEW 16:27**

Just as (not if) each one of you has received a special gift [a spiritual talent, an ability graciously given by God], employ it in serving one another as [is appropriate for] good stewards of God's multi-faceted grace [faithfully using the diverse, varied gifts and abilities granted to Christians by God's unmerited favor].

I PETER 4:10 AMP



Whoever speaks [to the congregation], is to do so as one who speaks the oracles (utterances, the very words) of God. Whoever serves [the congregation] is to do so as one who serves by the strength which God [abundantly] supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified [honored and magnified] through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

I PETER 4:11 AMP



Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

II CORINTHIANS 5:9

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

II CORINTHIANS 5:10

**Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

**REVELATION 20:14**



**And anyone not found written in the  
Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**

**REVELATION 20:15**

**After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.**

**MATTHEW 25:19**

# GOOD

Meeting a high standard of worth and merit ; disciplined, which measure up to their intended purpose, useful

# FAITHFUL

Persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties



**"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.**

**JOHN 12:27**

Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”

JOHN 12:28



Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,  
be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in  
the work of the Lord [always doing your best  
and doing more than is needed], being  
continually aware that your labor [even to  
the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not  
futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose].

I CORINTHIANS 15:58 AMP



# **HARD**

**Skleros - hard, strict, harsh, cruel,  
merciless, unreasonable)**

**There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

**ROMANS 8:1**

# **LAZY**

**A state involving shrinking from something, holding back, hesitation or reluctance**

**It carries the idea of a person who has a do-nothing, lethargic, lackadaisical, apathetic, indifferent, lukewarm attitude toward life.**



And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn't prepared and doesn't carry out those instructions, will be severely punished.

LUKE 12:47 NLT

But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.

LUKE 12:48 NLT

For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God;

EPHESIANS 2:8 NET



It is not from works, so that no one  
can boast.

EPHESIANS 2:9 NET

**For we are his creative work, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand so we can do them.**

**EPHESIANS 2:10 NET**

Remember my hearer, that in the day of judgment thy account must be personal; God will not ask you what your church did – he will ask you what you did yourself.

SPURGEON