

Break Out!
Part IV; January 31, 2010

**“Living A Top-Shelf Life...
In A Bottom Drawer World!”**

Matthew 25: 14-30

Personal Excellence Survey:

When I'm on the job, I work...

Like a plow horse...Like a playful pony...
Like rocking horse...Like a dead horse!

I treat the gifts and talents God has given me...

Like treasures...Like tools...Like toys...Like, what gifts?!

I treat my civic volunteer or church service position as...

An incredible opportunity...important on occasion...
an inconvenient obligation...who me, volunteer?!

Being my own boss, I think my efforts in life deserve...

A great big bonus...A pat on the back...
A kick in the rear...A pink slip and a kick out the door!

How To Live Way Above Average:

**Cultivate an “and then some” attitude...
because everything you do is either
_____ for God or a _____ for God!!**

For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, **but far more**. And they did it of their own free will. **They begged us** again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. – 2Corinthians 8:3-4 (NLT)

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**” – Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

Don't just do what's expected...do what's unexpected!

**Give yourself to things where you can
make a _____ and not just make a _____!**

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”** At once they left their nets and followed him. – Matthew 4:18-20 (NIV)

**Remember: Sometimes there is
sacred _____ hidden in our simple _____!**

So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, “We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility...**Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed amazing miracles and signs among the people.** – Acts 6:2-3, 8 (NLT)