

## SS—God’s Estate (6)

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The Kingdom of God is like a Great Estate.

There was an Orphan.  
He was separated from his parents at birth.  
He never knew his mother or father.

He kept hearing about a Great Estate, the Owner of which adopted anyone who came to him.  
The Orphan heard that the Great Estate was a beautiful place where all needs were met.

The Orphan learned that there is a Gate to the Great Estate, and a Gatekeeper.  
He learned how to find the Gate, and the Gatekeeper.  
He went to the Gatekeeper and asked about being adopted by the Owner of the Great Estate.

The Gatekeeper had kind eyes.  
He said “The way to be adopted involves one simple and easy step.  
“However, the Owner of the Great Estate also wants everyone to have an Abundant Life.  
“In order to enjoy all that the Owner of the Great Estate has for you, you must receive it.”

The Gatekeeper said, “There is a holographic tour of the first step and the Process of Receiving.”  
He asked, “Would you like to take the tour?”  
The Orphan said, “Yes.”

The Gatekeeper took the Orphan into the Gatehouse and took him into a side room.  
He began the holographic tour.  
A plain, white table appeared.

The Gatekeeper said, “The first step is Spiritual Surgery.  
“This Surgery is quick and painless.”  
Looking at Orphan with kind eyes, the Gatekeeper said, “I am the Surgeon.  
“First, you must believe that I am the Owner’s Surgeon and that I can perform this Surgery.  
“If you come to believe that I am who I say I am, I invite you to the table.  
“I invite you to submit to Me.  
“As you submit to Me, I implant the Heart of Perfect Love next to your human heart of imperfect love.  
“This new Heart of Perfect Love is provided by the Owner of the Estate.  
“Once the Heart of Perfect Love is in place you are ready for the Process of Receiving.  
“As you allow the Process of Receiving, you will enter your Life of Abundance.

“Fully coming into the Abundance is like converting a house from gas lighting to electric lighting.  
“I will have placed the Generator of Perfect Love into your soul, into the core of your life.  
“The Process of Receiving is then rewiring every room in your life to connect it to that Perfect Love.

“This Process of Receiving takes time.  
“Generally, it takes about seven years for the body to replace its cells.  
“Rewiring your spiritual home can take about that long.  
“Rewiring your home is renewing your mind.  
“Rewiring your home is changing what you believe and how you think about everything.

“Let me show you.”  
A wide, tall building appeared.  
“This is the Hall of Transformation.  
“This represents your life.  
“Let’s go in.”

The Gatekeeper led the Orphan through the large main door.  
They entered the great Hall.  
The Hall was bright with sunlight.  
Just inside the door, standing calmly, was a beautiful Person.

The Gatekeeper said, “As soon as you receive your Heart of Perfect Love, you receive the Teacher.”  
The Teacher nodded.  
“The Teacher will guide through all the rewiring of your home, all the renewing of your mind.”

The Teacher stood next to a table that was just inside the entrance.  
On the table were four items that the Orphan did not recognize.  
There was also a small book with the word, “START” on it.  
The Gatekeeper said, “These four items are tools will help with the transformation.  
These four tools will help with the rewiring of the Rooms.  
“This small book, with the word “START” on its top, is more than a tool.  
“START is the Way of Transformation.  
“The Teacher will show you how it works.”

The Teacher stood calmly, looking at the Orphan with kind eyes.

The Gatekeeper referred to the Hall.  
“As you can see, there are 12 doors on either side of the Hall.  
“These are the 24 Rooms of Transformation.  
“These rooms contain every topic of life.  
“Let me show you one Room, as an example.”

The Gatekeeper stepped into the first Room to the left.  
The walls had shelves of Books, and about a dozen gas fixtures on each wall.

The Gatekeeper said, “The Rooms contain every Topic and all Truths.  
“However, because of the dull lighting, the Truths are not clearly seen.  
“The Rooms have been lit by the flickering light of imperfect love.  
“But soon, all will be seen with the Perfect Light of Perfect Love.”

The Teacher came into the Room.  
The Teacher waved in two others.  
The Gatekeeper said, “These are the Workers who do the rewiring.  
“These two Workers are Truth and Testimonies.  
“They do their Work under the Guidance of the Teacher.  
“They will open the floors and the walls of the old ways.  
“They will make a way for the rewiring.”

The two Workers entered the room.  
They carefully, gently opened the floor in several places.  
They carefully, gently opened the walls here and there.

The Gatekeeper said, “These Workers connect each Room to your new Heart of Perfect Love. Truth and Testimonies use the four Tools. Truth and Testimonies allow “START,” the Way of Transformation, to do its work.”

The Orphan saw the two Workers draw wires up from under the floor. They laid wires along the edges of the flooring and up into the walls. The wires ended in great new fixtures. The floor and the walls were then beautifully replaced.

The Gatekeeper said, “And now...”

The room became bright with Light. The Orphan knew that every Book in the Room could now be more easily read.

Gatekeeper said, “See how the Room has changed.”

The Gatekeeper led the Orphan back out into the Hall.

The Gatekeeper said, “Over about seven years we incrementally rewire every Room with Perfect Love. “Each week we go into a different room. “Over seven years, we are able to visit each Room 15 times. “Over seven years, we go from Room to Room, floor board by floor board, wall section by section. “The old system of beliefs and thinking, powered by imperfect love, is gradually removed. “The new system of beliefs and thinking, powered by Perfect Love, is incrementally installed. “This rewiring makes it possible to receive more and more of Life’s Abundance.”

The Gatekeeper led the Orphan out of the first Room. He then walked Orphan to the further end of the Hall. Beyond the back door, the Gatekeeper showed the Orphan a great Garden of beauty. Many people were strolling and enjoying the Garden and, it seemed, each other.

The Gatekeeper said, “This is the Garden of Abundance. “This is what the Owner of the Estate wants for you. “With every advance in the Rooms of Transformation, you will be able to go further into this Garden. However...”

The Gatekeeper led Orphan back to the front door and out of the Hall.

On the steps, the Gatekeeper referred to the wall of shrubbery that bordered the Great Estate. He said, “Look closely in the shrubbery that is the border of the Great Estate. ... Do you see the dark openings?”

The Orphan did. Every few feet, in the shrubbery border, there were darker areas. The Orphan could see that these were wide enough for a person to step through.

The Gatekeeper said, “We have found that those who do not enter the Hall of Transformation are at risk. “Even with their new Heart of Perfect Love, they may not stay in the Great Estate. “Because they have not entered the Hall, they have not seen the Garden of Abundance. “They do not know what is possible.

“They think the Great Estate is only this front lawn.  
“They get bored.  
“They doubt what they have been told.  
“Many wander to the shrubbery.  
“Discouraged, they wander through the openings in the shrubbery.  
“Many who wander away never return.  
“They think the Great Estate is not as it had been described.  
“They think that it is not what it was claimed to be.  
“Because they have only seen the front lawn, they do not know.  
“Because they have only seen the front lawn, they are hardened.  
“Because they did not enter the Hall, they are calloused about the Truth of the Garden.

“We strongly encourage anyone who comes into the Great Estate to enter the Hall of Transformation.  
“We strongly encourage anyone who comes into the Great Estate to allow the rewiring of Rooms.  
“If they do not, if you do not, in a sense you will not have truly experienced the Great Estate.  
“You will be a Seed of Possibility that does not take root.  
“All that could have been will not be.”

The Gatekeeper brought them back to the Gatehouse.  
At the door, he said, “And so,...

“Coming into the Great Estate means submitting to Heart Surgery.  
“It also means, to enter the Garden of Abundance, that you must experience the Hall of Transformation.”

The Gatekeeper asked, “Would like to come into the Great Estate?  
“Would you be willing to have the Heart Surgery?  
“Would you be willing to experience the Hall of Transformation?  
“Would you like to be adopted by the Owner of the Great Estate?  
“Would you like to enter the Garden of Abundance?”

The Orphan was afraid that he might not go into the Hall of Transformation.  
He was afraid that he would slip out through the shrubbery border.  
But he also had hope.  
The eyes of the Gatekeeper were gentle upon him.  
The Orphan liked the idea of bright light transforming every room.  
He very much wanted to be in the Garden of Abundance with the others.  
He wanted to be adopted by One Who would provide so much.

He had been discontent for a long time.  
And so, he did not need to think long.  
He decided to...enter.

He allowed the Heart Surgery.  
He received the Heart of Perfect Love.  
His name was changed to the Adopted.  
He was then introduced to the Teacher.  
The Teacher was ready to guide him in the Hall of Transformation.  
The Adopted was quick to cooperate.

The Teacher was always nearby.  
The Teacher was always willing to guide and encourage him.

Over several years they went into each Room, from Room to Room.  
The Adopted allowed the Rooms to be rewired.  
The Adopted allowed each Room to be connected to his new Heart of Perfect Love.  
His beliefs changed.  
His thinking changed.  
His behaviors changed.  
He became more and more like the Gatekeeper.

He has been in the Great Estate for four years.  
He is four years into the seven years of training now.  
He daily walks in the Garden of Abundance.  
There are seven Rings in the Garden.  
He has entered the Garden of Abundance to the Fourth Ring.

He has entered far enough that he can see the furthest edge of the Garden.  
He sees a splendid mountain and a sparkling sea.  
He has learned that he will one day continue there with the Owner of the Great Estate.  
He has learned that that which is ahead is the Greatest Garden of Abundance.  
He has learned that this Garden is called Eternity.  
He has learned that he will live there forever.

He is grateful that he entered the Great Estate.  
He is grateful that he allowed the Surgery.  
He is grateful that he cooperatively goes with the Teacher into the Hall.

He is grateful for the Garden of Abundance.  
He is humbled to know that the Greatest Garden of Abundance will never end.

Dear Reader,  
I am the Orphan and am now the Adopted.  
This is my way of telling you about the Great Estate.  
This is my way of telling you about the Heart Surgery, and the Hall of Transformation.  
This is my way of telling you about the Garden of Abundance.  
This is my way of letting you know that you, too, are invited to enter the Great Estate.

### **THE MEANINGS IN THIS PARABLE**

1. The Great Estate is the Kingdom of God on earth.
2. The Owner of the Great Estate is God Our Father.
3. The Orphan is anyone who has not yet been Adopted by God Our Father.
4. The Gate is Salvation.
5. The Gatekeeper is Jesus.
6. The Process of Receiving is the renewal of our mind as we are transformed [Romans 12:2].
7. The Gatehouse is that time or place of decision, when we are offered Salvation.
8. Spiritual Surgery is the A.B.C. of receiving Jesus as Lord:
  - a. A = Admitting that we have not Loved well (SIN could mean Self In Not-Love).
  - b. B = Believing that Jesus is the Son of God Who can rescue and redeem us from SIN.
  - c. C = Confessing Jesus as Our Lord.
  - d. We then D = are Discipled in the Hall of Transformation.
9. The Surgeon is Jesus.

10. The Heart Implant is receiving the new Heart of Perfect Love that comes from Our Father.
11. Submitting to Jesus is confessing Jesus as Our Lord, giving Him authority to change us.
12. From gas lighting to electric lighting is a metaphor for the transformation.
13. The Hall of Transformation is the place and plan of Discipleship.
14. The Teacher is the Holy Spirit.
15. The four Tools on the table at the entrance are four Practices, which are:
  - a. Praying the Lord’s Prayer, intentionally, every morning and every night.
  - b. Father Time—Spending time with Our Father every day.
  - c. Gospel Time—Reading a Chapter of the Biographies of Jesus every day.
    - i. These are the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
  - d. Drafting Requests of 10 words or less for every need.
16. The “START” approach to discipleship is:
  - a. S = Study Jesus—in the Gospel Chapters and throughout the Word of God.
  - b. T = Translate into Practices—do what He did, said and said to do.
  - c. A = Assess Adherence—are we doing the Practices we have translated?
  - d. R = Repent—of our shortfalls, as we are told to do in James 5:16.
  - e. T = are Transformed—we ask God to heal, train, and so, transform us, also in James 5:16.
17. The 24 Rooms is a way to categorize all topics and are:
 

a. 1/God Our Father	m. 13/Transformation
b. 2/Jesus	n. 14/Sin and evil
c. 3/Holy Spirit	o. 15/Emotions
d. 4/Love	p. 16/Thought
e. 5/Prayer	q. 17/Sex
f. 6/Bible	r. 18/Occupation/Call of Service
g. 7/Good News	s. 19/Evangelism
h. 8/Heaven	t. 20/Marriage
i. 9/Caring	u. 21/Parenting
j. 10/Community	v. 22/Projects
k. 11/Self	w. 23/This Existence
l. 12/Others	x. 24/Finances
18. The two Workers are Truth and Testimonies:
  - a. We are to be sanctified by the Truth, the Word is Truth.
  - b. They overcame because of the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony [Re 12:11].
19. Seven Rings of the Garden of Abundance is incrementally advancing to God’s Best.
20. The Seed of Possibility is a reference to the Parable of Four Soils—not all seeds bear fruit.
21. Seven years
  - a. There are 7 teen years, 13 to 19, a good time to be discipled.
  - b. 7 years x 52 weeks equals 364, the number of small group sessions that could be planned.
  - c. In 7 years, 24 Rooms could be visited 15 times each.
  - d. In 7 years, there are 2555 days; in daily Father time, 2555 concepts could be “STARTed.”
  - e. In 7 years, a person would be well in to the Garden of Abundance...
  - f. Perhaps, even to the Seventh Ring, enjoying today, and looking forward to Heaven.

Would you like to enter God’s Great Estate?