

# **PARABLE OF THE LEAVEN**



# GRACIOUS JESUS

## (MATTHEW'S PERSPECTIVE WITH GOSPEL PARALLELS)

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## **11. HIDDEN WISDOM (MATT 13:1-43)**

**56. The parable of the sower**

**57. The visionaries**

**58. Good and Evil co-exist**

**59. Growth of God's Kingdom**

**60. The parable of the leaven**



# THE PARABLE OF THE LEAVEN

**Matthew 13:33** He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

**Luke 13:20** Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? 21 It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

# **INTRODUCTION**

**Leaven is like yeast. It is a noun and a verb - It is and it does.**

**It's characteristic impacts and acts everything around.**

**The Kingdom of God silently is, and acts.**

# THE PARABLE OF THE LEAVEN

**A little for a lot. It is:**

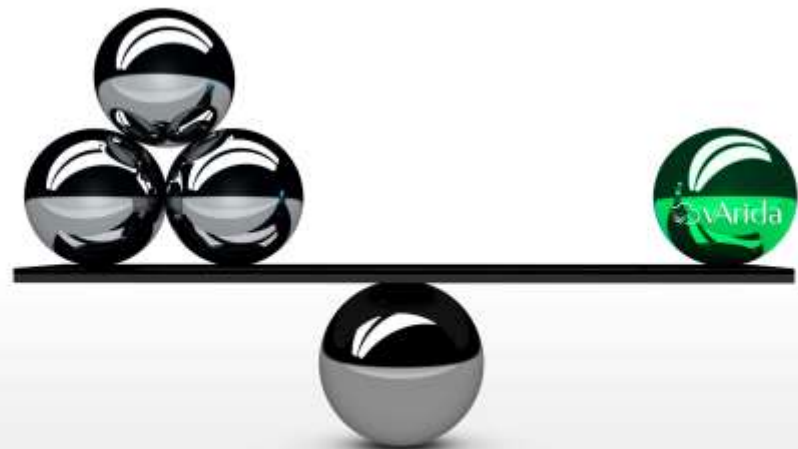
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# A LITTLE FOR A LOT

**Matthew 13:33** He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour ..

**The kingdom of heaven appears little and inconsequential but, like yeast has a powerful impact nevertheless. Never underestimate the power within us to change the world around.**



# INFLUENCES

Jesus uses leaven as both a positive and negative influence. As a negative influence, ironically it was the religious leaders bringing on the corrupting influence Luke 12:1 beware of the leaven of the Pharisees.

As a positive influence, the kingdom people work together to change the world – the dough.





# **SMOOTHLY DISTRIBUTED**

**“a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour”**

**The mixing process is essential for best effect.**

**The more the spread the greater the influence**

**They need to spread out, not clump together for better influence.**

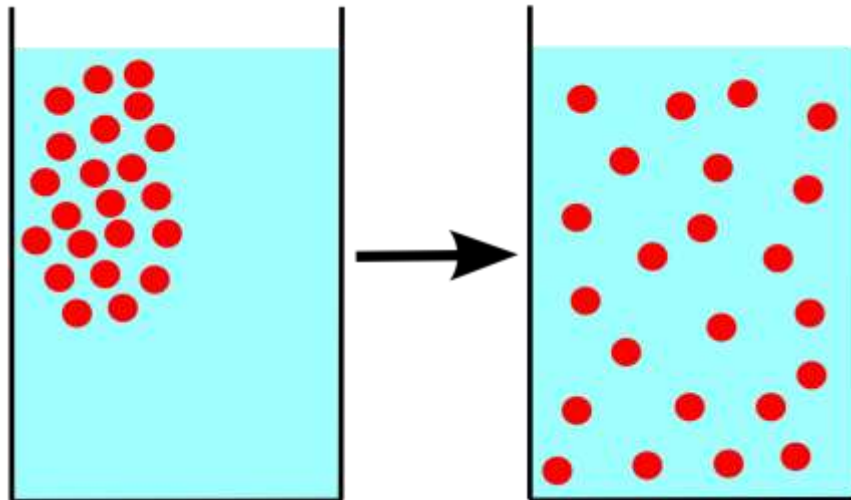
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**We, as Christians are to mix with the world around being “not of but in the world”**

**Influencing without getting influenced**

**Leaven has a negative connotation as well.. There are bad influences at work as well polluting the positive effect.**

**We need to counter those and over come them.**



# **SILENTLY EFFECTIVE**

**“until it worked all through the dough.”**

**We are influential for Christ.**

**Just demonstrating the character of Christ is enough to bear influence.**

**In addition talking, sharing, as Christ did adds to that influence.**

**Everyday... we live that influence with everyone we meet.**



# **SUPREMEPLY IMPACTFUL**

**“all through the dough“**

**It transforms the entire dough irreversibly. This transformation takes time and the right environment..**

**It is happening**

**It will eventually happen.**

**The world will be irreversibly changed for the best.**



# **DISCUSSION**

**Share some examples of how we can be:**

- 1. A little for a lot**
- 2. Silently effective**
- 3. Smoothly distributed**
- 4. Supremely impactful.**