

AN ETERNAL FOCUS
You Are Beyond Ordinary Pt 4
Luke 19:11-27
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Criteria God uses: "God does not look at the things the world looks at." (1 Samuel 16:7)

- a. **A Pure Heart** – "God, all that I am and all that I have is available to you!"
- b. **A Different Perspective** – Seeing the obstacles as opportunities.
- c. **Integrity** – Passion to obey God.
- d. **An Eternal Focus**
 - **SO WHAT** would you like to see God – use you – to accomplish?
 - And **WHO** would you like to see God - use you – to reach?

Luke 19

(v. 11) "While they were listening to this, He went on to tell them a parable, because He was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.

(v. 12) He said, "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return.

(v. 13) So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'

(v. 14) But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'

(v. 15) He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had **gained** with it.

(v. 16) The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.'

(v. 17) 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of **ten cities**.'

(v. 18) The second one came in and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.'

(v. 19) His master answered, 'You take charge of **five cities**.'

(v. 20) Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth.'

(v. 21) 'I was **afraid of you**, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'

(v. 22) His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You **KNEW**, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow?'

(v. 23) 'Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'

(v. 24) *Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has TEN minas.'*

(v. 25) *'But Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!'*

(v. 26) *He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away.'*

(v. 27) *'But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them – bring them here and kill them in front of me.'"*

Like the servants in this story – we have been given **FIVE things**:

#1. We've been given SOMETHING to invest.

#2. We've been given the RESPONSIBILITY to invest it.

#3. We've been given some TIME to invest.

#4. We've been given the PROMISE of Jesus' return.

#5. We've been given the PROMISE of disproportionate rewards to those who are faithful.

- He was **DISOBEDIENT**.
- He was **AFRAID**.
His **FEAR** of the **un-known** –
...drove him to ignore – what **WAS known**.

Jesus is coming back!