

Well Done, Good Servant!

Luke 19:11-27

Luke 19:9 And Jesus said to him, "**Today salvation** has come to this **house**, because he also is a son of Abraham; **10** for the **Son of Man** has come to **seek** and to **save** that which was **lost**."

Luke 19:11 Now as **they heard these things**, He spoke another **parable**, because He was **near Jerusalem** and because **they thought** the **kingdom of God** would appear **immediately**.

- Waiting
- Suffering
- God turning what the enemy meant for **evil** for **good**.

Luke 19:12 Therefore He said a certain **nobleman** went into a **far country** to receive for himself **a kingdom** & to **return**.

Luke 19:13 So he called **ten** of **his servants**, delivered to them **ten minas**, & said to them, **Do business till I come**.

Matthew 25- The Parable of the **Talents** (5, 2, 1 Talents)

Luke 19- The Parable of the **Minas** (1 Mina)

Luke 2:49 Did you not **know** that I must be about My **Father's business**?

John 17:4 I have **glorified You** on the earth. I have **finished the work** which **You** have **given Me** to **do**.

Luke 19:14 But his **citizens** **hated him**, and sent a delegation after him, saying, **We will not have this man to reign over us**.

John 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Luke 19:15 "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

Luke 19:16 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas. (%1000 increase)

Luke 19:17 And he said to him, Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.

Matthew 25:21 Well done, good & faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord. (1John 2:28)

This **LIFE** is going to determine our **ROLE** in the coming **Kingdom!** Faithfulness will be rewarded generously!

Luke 19:18 And the second came, saying, Master, your mina has earned five minas. (%500) **19** Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.

Luke 19:20 Then another came, saying, Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. **21** For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow. **22** And he said to him, Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did

not sow. **23** Why then did you not put my money in the **bank**, that at **my coming** I might have collected it with **interest**?

- Gospel
- Opportunity to tithe / give
- A gift
- Time / breath
- Wasted Opportunity
- Inactive
- Unengaged
- Unfruitful

Luke 19:24 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'

25 (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

Luke 19:26 For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be **taken away** from him.

Luke 19:27 But bring here those **enemies** of mine, who **did not want me to reign over them**, and **slay them before me**.

There are 3 possible relationships with this **Nobleman**.

1. You can **serve** Him!
 - Accepting **His rule** over your life.
 - **Faithfully** being about His **business**.
 - **Using** your **gift** for His **glory**!
 - **Rewarded generously** in the coming **Kingdom**!

2. You can **serve** Him accepting **His rule** and be **unfaithful** & **inactive**, which leads to **loss of reward**.

2 Corinthians 5:10 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**. (1Cor. 3)

3. You can **reject** His **rule** and **remain** an **enemy**, but that path leads to **death**.

Romans 5:6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son...

Salvation does not depend on **WORKING** for God but **RESTING** in what Jesus Christ has **DONE**.

Rewards do not depend on **RESTING** in what Jesus Christ has done but on **WORKING** for God.

It is a **MISUNDERSTANDING** of Scripture to be saved by His grace and then **DO NOTHING** nothing but sit back and wait for heaven.

Such behavior is **IRRESPONSIBLE** stewardship that will directly affect our **ROLE** in the coming kingdom!

In view of our parable...

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.