

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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Working Diligently As We Wait For Our Generous King

Luke 19:11-27

NOTES:

Recap:

Kingdom teachings grow abundant fruit through patient endurance

Luke 8:8 *And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.”...15...they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.*

Jesus’s words must be acted upon, not merely heard.

Luke 8:18 *Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”*

Certain of his return, loyal disciples continue serving Christ’s interests in his absence.

Luke 18:1 *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart...8b Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”*

A story addresses an error regarding Jesus’ timeline and encourages Kingdom fruitfulness

Luke 19:11 *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. 12 He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. ‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’ 14 “But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’ 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. 16 “The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’ 17 “Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’ 18 “The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’ 19 “His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’ 20 “Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 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.’

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? 23 Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’ 24 “Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’ 25 “‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’ 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 they have will be taken away. 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.’”

A parable to inform, encourage and warn

The nobleman traveling to secure a domain (v12)	Jesus, who will soon rise to receive his kingly throne against opposition
Servants tasked with perpetuating his estate as a test for future administrative work. (v13)	Jesus's followers, given the "secrets of the Kingdom" to proclaim to all people (Luke 8:10)
Countrymen lobbying against his Kingly claim (v14)	"This generation" who would soon kill and reject their Messiah (Luke 17:25) and those who are found to reject Jesus's Kingship upon his return.
Two servants whose worth is revealed through trustworthy execution of a small task (v16-18)	Representative of disciples who put what they have to good use for the sake of the Kingdom.(Luke 18:29)
Ten cities/5 cities (v17-18)	Diligence in the King Jesus' absence is rewarded by responsibility and honor when he returns to take full custody of his Kingdom
The evil servant whose excuses reveal a disqualifying attitude toward his master (v.20-21)	Followers who mischaracterize Jesus, refuse to make good on the deposit entrusted to them
The mina taken away and given to the faithful	Failure to make use of the time results in diminished opportunity

Expecting a generous reward, take every opportunity to tell and adorn the gospel

Titus 2:1b *Teach what accords with sound doctrine...10 so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) What step can you take this week to make Christ's generosity a primary motivation for your life?
- 2) In light of future reward, brainstorm new "investment opportunities" to proclaim and adorn Jesus's Kingdom?

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 Weekly Need: \$38,322.00
 YTD Giving: \$500,362.58
 YTD General Need: \$536,508

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