

INVEST IN THE TEST LUKE 19:11-27

JESUS IS 17 MILES FROM JERUSALEM. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF THE KING! ALL OF HIS DISCIPLES THINK HE IS GOING TO DEFEAT THE ROMANS AND ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM IMMEDIATELY, SO ONCE AGAIN, JESUS HAS TO GET THEIR EYES BACK ON THE ETERNAL PRIZE. JESUS IS IN ZACCHAEUS'S HOUSE WITH HIS DISCIPLES. JESUS FOUND ZAC IN A TREE, A TAX COLLECTOR HATED BY ALL INCLUDING HIS FAMILY, HAS REPENTED AND LAID HIS LIFE DOWN FOR THE LORD. THE LORD DRIVES HOME THAT THE KINGDOM, ALTHOUGH REVEALED PARTIALLY, IT IS TO BE FULFILLED IN THE FUTURE. SO THAT ALL THE ELECT SHALL BE SAVED, IN HIS TIME. JESUS JUST SAID " SALVATION HAS COME TO THIS MAN'S HOUSE TODAY " AND " THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST "

Luke 19:11-27

English Standard Version ESV

¹¹ As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. ¹² He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' ¹⁵ When he returned, having received the kingdom, he

ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. ¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' ¹⁷ And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' ¹⁹ And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' ²⁰ Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' ²² He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' ²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' ²⁵ And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' ²⁶ 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ²⁷ But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'"

EVERY SINGLE PERSON IS IN THIS PARABLE
FAITHFUL SERVANTS, UNFAITHFUL SERVANTS, ENEMY CITIZENS

JESUS LAYS OUT SOMETHING FAMILIAR TO EXPLAIN THE
UNFAMILIAR

NOBLE BIRTH / ROYALTY

THE DISCIPLES THINK THE KINGDOM WILL BE ESTABLISHED

NOW, JESUS MAKES SURE TO SET THEM STRAIGHT

JESUS USED FRONT PAGE NEWS AS AN EXAMPLE:

JEWES COULDN'T BE KINGS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF

ROME. HEROD THE GREAT WAS MADE KING BY CAESAR

BECAUSE HE HAD DEFEATED THE PARTHIANS ALONGSIDE

ROME. ARCHELAUS, HEROD'S SON, WANTED THE SAME THING

BUT HE HAD MURDERED THREE THOUSAND JEWS AT

PASSOVER, TRYING TO SHOW HE WAS AS POWERFUL AS HIS

FATHER. EVEN SOME OF HIS OWN FAMILY CAME AGAINST THE

THOUGHT OF KINGSHIP FOR ARCHELAUS. ROME DENIED HIM

KINGSHIP BUT LET HIM RULE OVER HALF THE KINGDOM UNDER

THE TITLE ETHNARCH.

JESUS IS THE NOBLEMAN TALKING ABOUT HIS ASCENSION AND
SECOND COMING

Luke 19:13 ESV

¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'

DOULOS / SLAVE

THE NUMBER 10 HERE IS JUST A ROUND NUMBER JESUS USED

IN OTHER PARABLES (10 VIRGINS WITH THEIR LAMPS)

MATTHEW 25

MINA (MNA) HEBREW. 100 DAYS PAY 100 DRACHMAS OR
DENARII

THE MINA REPRESENTS THE GOSPEL AND EVERYONE GOT THE SAME AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT

ENGAGE IN BUSINESS (PRAGMATEUOMAI)

Luke 19:14 ESV

¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

POLITES / CITIZEN, NEIGHBOR

JESUS TALKING ABOUT THE JEWS THAT WERE COMING AGAINST HIM. SAGGASEES AND PHARISEES, SANHEDRIN
GOD'S PEOPLE HATED THE MESSIAH

Luke 19:15 ESV

¹⁵ When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business.

THE LORD HAS GIVEN EACH ONE OF US GIFTS, TALENTS, AND ABILITIES. THIS VARIES WITH EACH PERSON. EACH PERSON WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE AT THE MERCY SEAT OF CHRIST WITH THE DEPOSIT THEY WERE GIVEN

CHRIST WILL RETURN AND JUDGE THE EARTH AND EVERYONE IN IT

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 ESV

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.
GOLD, SILVER, PRECIOUS STONES (GOOD DEEDS)
STRAW AND HAY (SELFISH DESIRES)

Luke 19:16-19 ESV

¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' ¹⁷ And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' ¹⁹ And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

LISTEN TO THE SPEECH OF THE NOBLEMAN'S SERVANT
YOUR MINA HAS MADE 10 MINAS MORE
HUMBLE SPIRIT, FOCUSSED ON THE ONE WHO PROVIDES

FAITH IN THE LORD'S ABILITIES, HE PROVIDES THE MINA, HE PROVIDES THE MEANS AND THE ABILITY TO ADD OR MULTIPLY

OBEDIENCE TO GOD AND HIS WORD TO PREPARE THE WAY IS THE CURRENCY, GENUINE SALVATION TRANSFORMATION SOLEY PERFORMED BY GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRIT, USING THE WORDS THAT COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH....AMEN!!

DIFFERENT RETURNS ON INVESTMENT
HOW MUCH YOU SOW IS IN PROPORTION TO HOW MUCH YOU REAP

HOW CAN I SOW? TIME, TALENTS, & TREASURES

Luke 19:20-21 ESV

²⁰Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

THIS PERSON HAS A SCEWED PERCEPTION OF THE NOBLEMAN
THIS PERSON OBVIOUSLY IS GOING OFF WHAT THEY HEARD ABOUT THE NOBLEMAN BECAUSE IF THEY HAD KNOWN THE NOBLEMAN, THEY WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT HIS HEART WAS ALWAYS FOR THEM, NOT AGAINST THEM

LAI D AWAY IN THE HANDKERCHIEF / FAITH LIFE ON THE BACKBURNER

JESUS IS SHARING THIS WITH US TO WARN US....THOSE WHO KNOW ME, KNOW MY HEART, CHRIST IS EVERYTHING, INCLUDING BEING PERFECTLY GOOD. WHY WOULDN'T YOU AND I SHARE THAT?

Luke 19:22-23 ESV

²² He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

AUSTEEROS / STRICT, EXACTING, HARD, SQUEAZING BLOOD FROM A STONE

10 COMMANDMENTS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP FOR YOU AND I

Proverbs 2:1-5 ESV

2 My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
² making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
³ yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
⁴ if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.

THE INTEREST FROM A BANK IS A SECURED INVESTMENT
THE PROFIT IS SMALL BUT CONSITANT
I BELIEVE JESUS IS TALKING ABOUT GIVING BACK TO THE
COMMUNITY OF GOD...THE CHURCH

Luke 19:24-27 ESV

²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' ²⁵ And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' ²⁶ 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ²⁷ But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'"

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS FOLKS, INVEST NOW, OR GET IT TAKEN

WE WILL ALL STAND NAKED AND ALONE BEFORE GOD
WE WILL ACCOUNT FOR EVERYTHING SAID AND DONE

I WOULD SHOW UP WITH MORE THAN YOUR COLLECTION OF
WORLDY ACHIEVMENTS.

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