

Parables of Jesus part 20

Various Scriptures

"I tell you, that to everyone who has, more will be given; and from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away." -Luke 19:26

What ideas or images come to mind when you hear the word stewardship? Why?

*Managing our _____, _____, and _____ effectively.

*Faithful _____

*Someone who is _____.

Context: Jesus was visiting with a man named Zacchaeus who has just repented of his sin (Luke 19:8-9). As they were leaving Jericho and approaching Jerusalem, Jesus began to sense an error in judgement among the crowd regarding the kingdom of God. Since the Jews were oppressed by the Romans they thought Jesus had come to set them free physically and establish his kingdom on earth. However, we learn otherwise that Jesus came to set them/us free _____ and establish His kingdom in _____.

"As they were listening to this he went on to tell a parable because he was near Jerusalem, and they thought the kingdom of God was going to appear right away."
-Luke 19:11

Cross References:

"Therefore, when Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself." -John 6:15

"Jesus answered, Truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Don't work for the food that perishes but for the food that lasts for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set his seal of approval on him." -John 6:26-27

What are some potential issues with thinking the kingdom of God will appear right away?

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*Not thinking _____ - term

*Not being _____

How will your respond when the kingdom of God is delayed?

● Parable of the Ten Minas Luke 19:12-26

Familiar Story?... Although it sounds like Matthew 25:14-30 when Jesus taught the parable of the Ten talents, the setting, context, and details are different.

Talents

- *Mount of Olives
- *Disciples
- *Servants
- *Each servant receives a different amount
- *Good servants double their return
- *Servants receive same rewards

Minas

- *Road between Jericho and Jerusalem
- *Crowd
- *Servants and _____
- *Each servant receives the same amount
- *Good servants report 10 & 5 fold return
- *Servants showed the same faithfulness

Which was worth more? _____

➤ The Desires of the Nobleman: Luke 19:12-13

- *He wanted to establish his _____.
- *He wanted to _____.
- *He wanted His servants to _____ in business.

In contrast to the nobleman's desires verse 14 tells us, his own people _____ him and sent a delegation after him, saying, "We don't want this man to rule over us."

The audience would have been familiar with such a story since Kings Herod, Chaleis, Abila, and Damascus all went to Rome to be appointed rulers over the Jews. Just like in Jesus' story, the Jews sent delegations to Rome to petition that none of the Herods be appointed king, but that the people might be permitted to live according to their own laws under authority of Rome.

Who does the nobleman's desires remind you of? In what ways?

➤ The Discovery of the Nobleman: Luke 19:15-25

At his return, having received the authority to be king, he summoned those servants he had given the money to, so he could find out how much they had made in business.

- The first servant came forward and said, your mina has earned _____ more minas.

How did the master respond?

If he had the most, why was it a small matter?

What was his reward?

- The second servant came forward and said, your mina has made _____ more minas.

What was his reward?

- The third servant came and said, “Here is your mina. I have kept it safe in a cloth because I was afraid of you since you’re a harsh man: you collect what you didn’t deposit and reap what you didn’t sow.”

How did the master respond?

What happened to his mina?

What do you think of this servant’s reason for not doing anything? Was his fear valid? Why or why not?

Proverbs 12:24; 13:4; Luke 12:40; Colossians 3:23

➤ **The Declaration of the Nobleman Luke 19:26**

After the master’s discovery of how each of his servants responded to his request, he made a strong declaration.

“I tell you, that to everyone who has, more will be given; and from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away.”

As you reflect on the return of Jesus Christ, whether it be 10 minutes, days, years, or decades from now....

What are some resources God has given you to manage as a member of His kingdom?

In what ways are you using them right now to invest into God's kingdom?

➤ **The Demise of His Enemies: Luke 19:27**

The worst of all are those who make themselves God's enemies.

What happened to the nobleman's own people who did not want him to become king?

What will happen to all those who reject Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior?

Deuteronomy 7:10; Psalm 81:15; 2 Thess. 1:7-10

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“Stewardship-it's not just about how we handle money; it's about how we handle everything.” -Anonymous