

2015 The Parables of Jesus

The King and Ten Servants

Luke 19:12 - 27

Jews Wanted Him Dead Family Wanted Him “Gone”

- John 7:1 – 11 **After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.** Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. **His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.** For *there is* no man *that* doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him. **Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.** The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode *still* in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?

Slaves Vs. Citizenship

- **Luke 19:12 – 14** He said, “A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return. Before he left, he called together **ten of his servants** and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, ‘Invest this for me while I am gone.’ But his **people hated him** and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We do not want him to be our king.’

Kings Don't Want Excuses...

Just Profit

- **Luke 19:15 – 19** “After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. **He wanted to find out what their profits were.** The first servant reported, ‘Master, I **invested your money and made ten times the original amount!**’ “‘Well done!’ the king exclaimed. ‘You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.’ “The next servant reported, ‘**Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.**’ Well done!’ the king said. ‘You will be governor over five cities.’

Third Servant

- **Luke 19:20 – 23** “But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, ‘Master, I hid your money and kept it safe. I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn’t yours and harvesting crops you didn’t plant.’ “‘You wicked servant!’ the king roared. ‘Your own words condemn you. If you knew that I’m a hard man who takes what isn’t mine and harvests crops I didn’t plant, why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

Fourth Group.....Citizens Who Hated The King

- **Luke 19:27** And as for these enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king—bring them in and execute them right here in front of me.'”

1. What Has God Entrusted To You?

- **Luke 19:2** And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich

2. Discover Your Gifts Hidden Inside Your Shortcomings

- **Luke 19:3 – 6** He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he **ran** ahead and **climbed** a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.” Zacchaeus **quickly climbed down** and **took Jesus to his house** in great **excitement** and **joy**.

3. True Servants Are:

- **Luke 19:7 – 10** But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!” Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”
- 1. Not Habitual Grumblers
- 2. Stand Before Lord For Mercy
- 3. Repentant Spirits Willing To Bless Others
- 4. More Abundant Givers

Midweek Assignment

- Read the text of Luke 19:12 – 27
- If going to heaven depended upon the number of people you have led to Christ, how would your return on God's investment in you look on paper?
- Would it be doubled or up to 10 times or greater multiplied?
- In what other ways do you believe you have multiplied that which God gave you to multiply until he return?

The Principle Behind The Parable

- **Matthew 5:15 – 16** Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Everlasting Life Promised To:

- **Matthew 19:29** And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Everlasting Life Promised To:

- Mark 10:17 – 22 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.* Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

Everlasting Life Promised To:

- Luke 10:25 – 28 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

Have “Improvements” Been Large, Medium, Small or Not At All?

- The pound translated the Hebrew “minah” = about \$15.00
- To “Occupy” = to improve, to employ in business for the purpose of increasing it or making it profitable.
- Luke 19:20 another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin;....(next slide)

The Complexity Of This Verse

- **Luke 19:20** another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin;
- 1. He had not wasted it in his way of thinking
- 2. He had not been careless with it.....
- 3. He had not thrown it away.....
- 4. He had kept it faithfully in a secure location
- **Vs. 24** – take the one and give it to the one who had 10
- A. If I don't use my skill God will empower someone who will with what I could have at least attempted
- B. If I don't venture out and take risk, god will empower someone who is willing to risk it all

Everlasting Last Not Promised To:

- **1 Corinthians 6:9 – 11** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Everlasting Life Not Promised To:

- **Galatians 5:19 – 21** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.