

To Hear Him Say "Well Done"

Luke 19:12-27:

12 “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.”

Matthew 25:14-30:

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. **15** To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. **16** The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. **17** So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. **18** But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. **20** The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **25** So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? **27** Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. **29** For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from

them. **30** And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

SERVING JESUS IS AN _____ ENDEAVOR.

IF WE WANT TO BE _____, WE HAVE TO TAKE _____.

1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Peter 4:10

**EVERY _____ THING WE DO ON _____ WILL MAKE
A _____ DIFFERENCE IN _____.**

Luke 16:10-12

NOT EVERYONE LIVES _____.

Luke 13:3, 5; John 14:6; 2 Corinthians 13:5

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Fast-forward to the moment when you will stand face-to-face with Jesus. Are you looking forward to it, or dreading it? Why?

2. Read Luke 19:11-27. What principles does this parable teach? (Find at least three.)

3. Read Matthew 25:13-30. What truths can you find in this parable that were not in Luke 19:11-27? (Find at least two.)

4. What resources has God entrusted to you? How well are you investing those resources for Him? What is one way in which you can be a more faithful steward of what God has given to you?

5. Read Luke 19:27 and Matthew 25:30. How are the characters in the story different? What do they have in common? Can you see yourself in either?
