

# 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** *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.'"*

## A Parable To Inform, Encourage and Warn

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

## Expecting a Generous Reward, Take Every Opportunity To Announce 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) Anticipating your generous reward, brainstorm new "investment opportunities" to proclaim and adorn Jesus's Kingdom.

#### SONGS

*The Lion And The Lamb*  
*God Is For Us*  
*We Crown You*  
*In Christ Alone*

#### BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$29,191.76  
 Weekly Need: \$38,322.00  
 YTD Giving: \$529,554.34  
 YTD General Need: \$613,152.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (4/4): \$142,881.06

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