

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#75 – “Making Wise Spiritual Investments” – Luke 19:11-27

I. Introduction

A. This is a historical backstory that bears on today’s teaching from Jesus.

1. Background on Herod the Great and his successor.

B. The text – Luke 19:11-27

II. Exposition

A. Luke 19:12-14 (Momentarily skip verse 11)

1. The story bears a stark resemblance to what happened to Herod’s son Archelaus.

a. Yet Jesus was speaking of Himself while using the historical context surrounding Archelaus as an interesting corollary to his teaching.

1. Reasons for this parable being about Jesus.

2. Note verse 11.

a. We can understand how this misperception came about.

b. Jesus corrects this view.

1. We live in the “now” and “not yet.”

3. The parable has...

a. Ten financial officers

b. Not the same as recorded in Matthew 25:14-30

1. Matthew’s emphasis is on talent (giftedness) invested wisely.

2. Luke’s emphasis is on faithfulness in living and preaching the gospel.

3. Kent Hughes

B. Luke 19:15

1. The day of reckoning.

C. Luke 19:16-19

1. First tenfold profit.

2. Second fivefold profit.

1. Extraordinary. Note the Rule of 72.

D. Luke 19:20

1. The third failed to do anything.

E. Luke 19:21

1. Blame shift to the master.

F. Luke 19:22-23

1. Even on the servant’s own terms, he failed.

G. Luke 19:24

1. Use it or lose it.

H. Luke 19:25-26

1. Fairness question raised.

I. Luke 19:27

1. The apocalyptic end.

III. Points for Reflection

A. The one deposit we each receive equally is the gospel.
What are we doing with God’s investment?

B. Who is it that really does produce fruit?

C. We are being tested each day.

D. How do we understand works and rewards?

E. What about the worthless slave and the judgment?