

Insights from Luke

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“Making Wise Spiritual Investments”

Luke 19:11-27

Herod the Great

<u>Archelaus</u>	Judea & Samaria
Antipas	Galilee & Peraea
Philip	The Decapolis region

Luke 19:12-14

“¹² So He said, ‘A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. ¹³ And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, “Do business with this until I come back.” ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, “We do not want this man to reign over us.”””

Luke 19:11

“¹¹ While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.”

I Thessalonians 2:4

“⁴ But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.”

Luke 19:15

“¹⁵ When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done.”

Luke 19:16-19

“¹⁶ The first appeared, saying, ‘Master, your mina has made ten minas more.’ ¹⁷ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.’ ¹⁸ The second came, saying, ‘Your mina, master, has made five minas.’ ¹⁹ And he said to him also, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’”

The Rule of 72

$$72 \div 4\% = 18 \text{ years}$$

$$72 \div 8\% = 9 \text{ years}$$

$$72 \div 10\% = 7.2 \text{ years}$$

Luke 19:20

“²⁰ Another came, saying, ‘Master, here is your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief.’”

Luke 9:21

“²¹ ‘...for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow.’”

Luke 19:22-23

“²² He said to him, ‘By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?’”

Luke 19:24

“²⁴ Then he said to the bystanders, ‘Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’”

Luke 19:25-26

“²⁵ “And they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas already.’ ²⁶ I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.”

Luke 19:27

“²⁷ But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.”

The one deposit we each receive equally is the gospel.

What are we doing with God’s investment?

- a. Display the supremacy of Christ.
- b. An employee works diligently.
- c. A manager oversees with godliness.
- d. A lawyer is truly concerned about justice.
- e. A Politian serves as under God’s authority.
- f. A business owner never forgets that there are higher ideals than simply making a profit.

Who is it that really does produce fruit?

We are being tested each day.

How do we understand works and rewards?

“The reward of a duty is a duty to be done.” -- Joachim Jeremias

I Corinthians 3:8

“⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.”

II Corinthians 5:10

“¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Revelation 22:12

“¹² Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.”

“Our title in heaven is all of grace. Our degree of glory in heaven will be proportional to our works.” -- J. C. Ryle

- a. Teach and discipline your kids in godliness.
- b. Love your wife, your husband in godliness.
- c. Work for your paychecks in godliness.
- d. Pay your bills in godliness.
- e. Be merciful and caring to neighbors and acquaintances in godliness.
- f. Witness to all about the one true God.

**What about the
worthless slave and
the judgment?**

II Thessalonians 1:7-9

“⁷ ...and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, ⁸ dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”