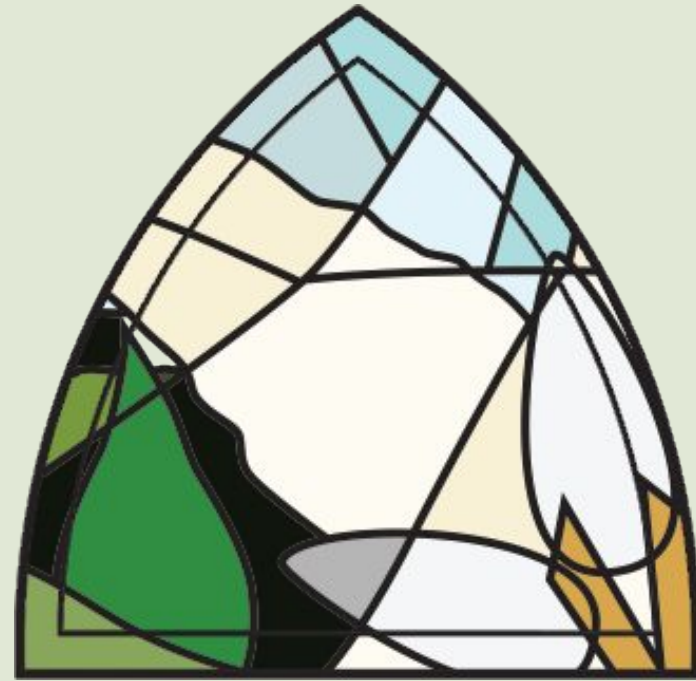





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# King's Return And Reward

LUKE 19:11-27




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**Luke 19:11** NIV



But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now **I give half of my possessions to the poor,** and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him,  
<sup>9</sup> **“Today salvation has come to this house,** because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> **For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”**

Luke 19:8-10 NIV




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**Luke 19:11** NIV

# **Parable:**


a simple story that uses familiar imagery to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson





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**Luke 19:11** NIV



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**Luke 19:12-14** NIV



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**Luke 19:12-13** NIV

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“He was made king, however,  
and returned home.”

**Luke 19:15a** NIV

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Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

**Luke 19:15b** NIV

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“The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’ <sup>17</sup> ‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. **‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’** <sup>18</sup> The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’ <sup>19</sup> **His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’”**

**Luke 19:16-19** NIV

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“Then another servant came and said,  
‘**Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid  
away in a piece of cloth.**’ <sup>21</sup> 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.”

**Luke 19:20-21** NIV

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<sup>15</sup> Return

<sup>15</sup> Reckoning

<sup>16-19</sup> Rewards

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“Then he said to those standing by,  
‘Take his mina away from him and give it  
to the one who has ten minas.’

<sup>27</sup> ‘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.’”

Luke 19:24, 27 NIV

**“Until I come back”**

God’s kingdom on earth is delayed.

**“Put this money to work”**

Jesus expects His servants (us) to faithfully invest while He is away.


**“Well done, good servant”**

Jesus rewards based on one’s faithfulness to invest His gifts.




Will Christians (His servants) be  
**judged/evaluated/held accountable**  
by Jesus (the King) when He returns?





For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, so that each of us may **receive what is due** us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**2 Corinthians 5:10** NIV




You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister?  
Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will  
all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup> It is written:

“As surely as I live,” says the Lord,  
‘every knee will bow before me;  
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”


<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will give an account of  
ourselves to God.

Romans 14:10-12 NIV



If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup> their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the **fire will test the quality of each person's work.** <sup>14</sup> If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

**I Corinthians 3:12-15** NIV



Now it is required that **those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.** <sup>3</sup> I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup> My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. **It is the Lord who judges me.** <sup>5</sup> Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. **He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart.** At that time each will receive their praise from God.

**I Corinthians 4:2-5 NIV**



We are **expected** to invest the  
investment Christ has made in us!

**“Until I come back”**  
Remember His return.



# “Put this money to work”

Be about the Lord’s business.

1. What did you do with **Me**?
2. What did you do with the **time** I gave you?
3. What did you do with the **relationships** I gave you?
4. What did you do with the **money** I gave you?
5. What did you do with the **abilities** I gave you?







Time flies and the opportunity of doing good flies with it. However diligent you may be in the future, you can only do the work of 1875 in 1875, and if you leave it undone now, it will be undone unto all eternity.

- Charles Spurgeon



**“Well done, good servant”**  
Live for eternal reward.





He is no fool who **gives up** what he **cannot keep** to **gain** that which he **cannot lose**.

- JIM ELLIOT



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