

Bible Study-We are responsible to share what God gives

The Parable of the Pound

Luke 19:11-27 (NLT)The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away. ¹² He said, "A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return. ¹³ Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, 'Invest this for me while I am gone.'

The Greek denotes that "Ten Pounds of Silver" was divided equally. **Luke 19:13 (Amplified Version)** Calling ten of his [own] bond servants, he gave them ten minas [each equal to about one hundred days' wages or nearly twenty dollars] and said to them, Buy and sell with these while I go and then return. ¹⁴ But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.' There are a lot of Christian today who don't want Jesus to be their King, Lord, or Master.

Notice here the nobleman divided among them ten pounds of silver (minas represents a silver coin).

Word Silver Represents – Word of God, purity, truth, divinity, salvation, atonement, redemption.

In this Parable of the Pounds, each servant has the same deposit which probably represents the message of the Gospel as scripture bear witness in **1 Thess 2:4** But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

1 Tim 1:11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

Our gifts and abilities are different, but our job is the same: to share the Word of God so that it multiplies and fills the world. **1 Thess 1:8** For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything

Also, look at (2 Thess 3:1).

¹⁵ "After he was crowned king, (This King represents Jesus Christ) he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. (The rapture) He wanted to find out what their profits were. He called them in to the beama seat of Christ. The beama seat is not for the judgment for punishment, only rewards.

We will all be called to the judgment seat of Christ. One of the primary things we will be judged on is how well we shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the unsaved and encouraged the saint with His Word.

¹⁶ The first servant reported, 'Master, (Notice this servant made Jesus master over his life) I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!' ¹⁷ "'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.' Notice being faithful in sharing the Gospel qualified him a place of authority in the kingdom of God.

¹⁸ "The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.'

¹⁹ "'Well done!' the king said. 'You will be governor over five cities.'

Notice the first two invested the Word of God and were rewarded by Jesus Christ very handsomely.

²⁰ "But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, 'Master, I hid your money and kept it safe. ²¹ I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours and harvesting crops you didn't plant.' He probably let fear of rejection, persecution or otherworldly distractions keep him from sharing the Gospel and reaping a harvest for the Kingdom.

God is not going to plant or water that's the job of His people. **1 Cor 3:5-8 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.**

Jesus will cause what we have planted and watered to increase and He will also do the harvesting.

If we don't plant and water so He can get the increase, this is what He has to say. ²² **"'You wicked servant!' the king roared. 'Your own words condemn you. If you knew that I'm a hard man who takes what isn't mine and harvests crops I didn't plant, ²³ why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'**

It is a basic principle of the Christian life that wasted opportunities can mean loss of reward and possibly loss of the privilege of service.

²⁴ **"Then, turning to the others standing nearby, the king ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.'**

²⁵ **"'But, master,' they said, 'he already has ten pounds!'**

²⁶ **"'Yes,' the king replied, 'and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.'**

²⁷ **And as for these enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king—bring them in and execute them right here in front of me.'"** Notice the King didn't execute the unprofitable servant, he just didn't have any authority in the Kingdom of God.

If we do not use the gift of the Gospel God gives us under His direction, why should we even have them? Somebody else can make better use of the gifts to the glory of God.

So, we conclude that 2 out of 10 evangelized and got results. 1 received the word on evangelism and didn't do anything with it. I often wonder about the other seven, maybe they are like a lot of Christians today not concerned about being used to save souls!