

# BEING A GOOD STEWARD

## INTRODUCTION - Luke 19:11

The people were thinking that the physical kingdom of God on earth was coming soon, but they were wrong. Luke 1:31-33, Luke 23:51

## I. LUKE 19:12 – JESUS WAS FIRST GOING TO HEAVEN, AND THEN HE WOULD RETURN AND SET UP HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH

## II. LUKE 19:13 - THE NOBLEMAN AND HIS TEN SLAVES

- A. The nobleman is Jesus Christ, and the slaves are people on earth during this church age.
- B. The people are to be slaves (doulos) of Christ, not just servants, but full time, 24/7 slaves.
- C. The people were given one mina each, about 100 days' wages. In general, we all have opportunity to serve God and use what He gives us for His purposes.
- D. We are to do business during our lives on earth, being productive with what God gives us.
- E. We are to keep serving God, using our gifts and building the church, until He returns.  
This time between Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> comings is special, and we're to do our jobs.

## III. LUKE 19:14 – THE JEWS AND ALL UNBELIEVERS WHO REJECT CHRIST AS LORD

- A. The citizens and the delegation – the Scribes, Pharisees, elders and Jews who rejected Christ in the first century, but now, any unbelievers who reject Him.
- B. Unbelievers don't want anyone to be their King and rule over them. They want to be free from God's rule. But without Christ we are slaves of sin, but through Christ we are slaves of Christ and have forgiveness of sins and freedom to do what is right. Romans 6

## IV. LUKE 19:15 – THE NOBLEMAN, JESUS CHRIST, RETURNS TO SET UP HIS KINGDOM

- A. Jesus Christ will come back, and nothing will stop Him. At this time in history, we know Christ is coming soon, and He will then begin His reign on earth. Psalms 2:1-6, 67, 110:1-2
- B. The slaves, and all people are to give an accounting of how they use their talents, their gifts, their abilities, and their money for God. Romans 14:12, 2 Corinthians 5:10
- C. As slaves of Christ, we are to do what God wants us to do, to use what He has given us to serve Him, and then we will be blessed by Him. Colossians 3:22-24, Matthew 25:21

## V. LUKE 19:16-17 – THE FIRST SLAVE, A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SLAVE

A. The first slave was faithful and obedient, and was blessed by his master. Always take what God gives you, and use it, work with it, and do what you can to be productive, to be a benefit, a blessing to your family, church and society. All of life is spiritual – “*Whatever you do...*” Colossians 3:23-24

B. Faithfulness is consistent obedience to God, and the authorities that He puts in your life. Be faithful in the little things - essentially all things in this life are little things. Luke 16:10

C. You will be rewarded in the future, specifically in the kingdom ages. You will be serving and reigning with Jesus Christ, having an important and satisfying job. This will be a most invigorating, encouraging, exciting and wonderful time. Revelation 20-22, Psalm 100

## VI. LUKE 19:18-19 – THE SECOND SLAVE, A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SLAVE

## VII. LUKE 19:20-24 – THE THIRD SLAVE, A FEARFUL AND UNFAITHFUL SLAVE

A. This slave has a wrong understanding of his master, thinking he was not kind and giving, but mean, unrighteous and strict. This man had no real love or respect for his master, and did not trust him and did not serve him.

B. This is speaking of an unbeliever, and one who will be punished. Matthew 25:30, 46

WHATEVER YOU DO, DO YOUR WORK HEARTILY AS FOR THE LORD  
RATHER THAN FOR MEN, KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD  
YOU WILL RECEIVE THE REWARD OF THE INHERITANCE.

Colossians 3:23

### SOME QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. Who do the characters in this parable represent?
3. Think about this – the great opportunity that you now have in this church age to serve the Lord.
4. Think about your gifts, talents and money. Are you being faithful and productive for God?
5. Think about your whole life as being spiritual - how does this change the way you serve the Lord?
6. If you were to give an accounting of your life at this time, what would God say to you?
7. The third slave – what was his problem? What kind of attitude should we have towards God?