

On Being Faithful, Part 3

A Study of Luke 19:11-27

Luke 19:11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. **12** Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. **13** So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' **14** But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this *man* to reign over us.' **15** And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. **16** Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' **17** And he said to him, 'Well *done*, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' **18** And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' **19** Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' **20** Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. **21** For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' **22** And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. **23** Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' **24** And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give *it* to him who has ten minas.' **25** (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') **26** 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **27** But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.'" *New King James Version*

		Response	Rewards	
Faithful Servants				1
				2
Unfaithful Servant				3
Enemies				4

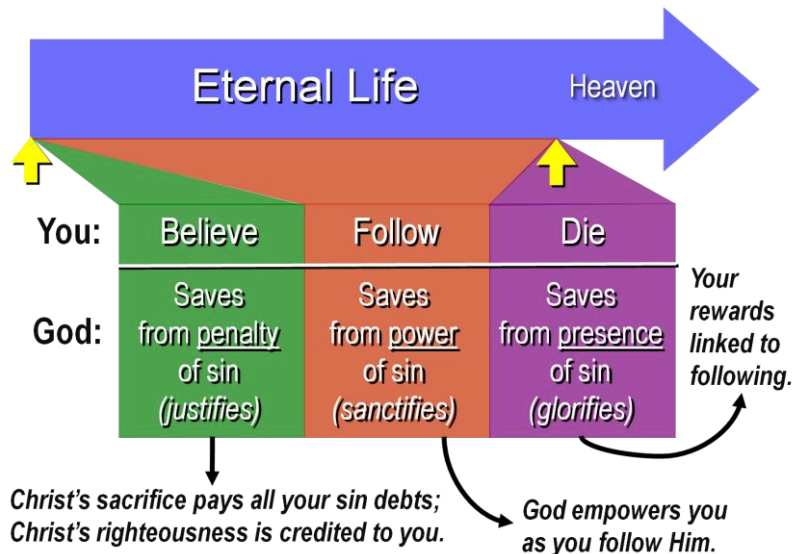
Big Idea:

Luke 19:13 "Do business till I come."

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For Reflection & Discussion

1. Considering the idea of rewards from Luke 19:11-27, would you say the Lord's love for His people is unconditional or conditional or both? Read Romans 5:8-10 and John 14:21-23. Do these suggest unconditional or conditional love? Do healthy parents love their children unconditionally or conditionally or both? How so? How does this relate to the following diagram?



2. Read the following Scriptures on your own. Jot down how they seem to relate to what Jesus says in Luke 19:11-27. An example is given.
 - a. Acts 1:6-8
 - b. 2 Corinthians 4:5-7
 - c. 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10
 - d. 1 Timothy 1:11-16
 - e. 2 John 8
 - f. Revelation 22:12 *Jesus will reward believers according their work.*
3. When Jesus says, "Do business till I come," what business does He have in mind? How do you know? (Hint: Luke 19:10)
4. Prayerfully reflect on ways you personally might be able to seek and save the lost. What are a few specific examples? Is there something you sense God wants you to do now?

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