



Parable of the Ten Minas

Luke 19:11-27

Something to Start Us Off

- Merriam-Webster defines the word *stewardship* as “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” What do you think of when you hear that word?

Something to Notice

- Why, according to Luke, does Jesus tell this particular parable at this time? (v.11)
- Who are all the characters in the parable? (vv.12-14)
- When did the servants have to give an account of what they did with their minas (v.15)

Something to Understand

The word used for servant in the parable, *doulos* (vv.13, 15, 17 & 22), can also be translated *bondservant* or *slave*. It is also the title that Paul, James, Peter, Jude and John give to themselves in their writing. For example, “Paul, a *servant* (*doulos*) of Christ Jesus,” in Romans 1:1.

- In what ways does the nobleman in the parable remind you of Jesus?
- Can you think of any lessons we need to learn from the nobleman's response to the various servants and what they did with their minas?
- Think especially of the servant who hid his mina. How might a Christian of today look if he/she was to act in a way comparable to this servant's behavior?
- How about the fate of the enemies in v.27? What do you think Jesus was trying to teach by including that element in the story?

Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 19, how might you sum up Christ's expectations regarding our stewardship of all that he has entrusted to us?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 19:11-27 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?