



Managing Expectations (Part 2)
(Confronting God's Expectations of Me)

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Text: Luke 19:11–27 (NIV): Compare Mt 25:14–30 Version

Big Question: Are you miscalculating what God expects from you?

The Setting: Jesus Tells a Parable

1. First Statement: Rules for Studying Parables

- (1) What does the text say? (2) What does the text mean? (3) How does the text apply? We must always be careful to not make parables allegories like the Wizard of Oz, Pilgrims Progress, and Moby Dick, that have meaning in many parts of the story.)

Source: Homiletical Handbook by Donald Hamilton

2. Second Statement: The Main Purpose of a Parable

- Stories, especially that Jesus told, provided a vision of life, especially life in God's kingdom. Parable means a **putting alongside** for purposes of comparison and new understanding. They mainly convey one main point.

Source: Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary

3. Third Statement: The Main Point of this Parable

- This is a story about a businessman hiring people to invest his money and make a profit. The main point of the parable is to remind us that God has given each of us something that we must steward and give account for how we used what we have been given.

4. Fourth Statement About the Setting: The People **Listening to the Parable and **In** the Parable**

- Some of the people **listening** to this story were focusing on the **kingdom**.
- Some of the people **in** the parable were focused on politics
- **Some of the people in the parable were focused on investing** the money given to them and **making a profit**.

I. The Parable Explained

1. Some of the people gathered to hear Jesus were consumed with the kingdom coming

- 11 While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that **the kingdom of God was going to appear at once**.

2. Some of the people in the story were consumed with politics and defeating the king

- 12 He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' 14 "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, '**We don't want this man to be our king.**'"



3. Some of the people in this story were focused on their assignment to invest the money and making a profit

- 13 So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. **'Put this money to work,'** he said, 'until I come back. '14 "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king. '

Note: Ten Minas equals 100 workdays of wages

Example: On a \$40,000 a year job you earn approximately \$166.00 a day. In our day this would be equal to giving a person at this wage level \$16,600 to invest. The total given to the ten guys would have been \$166,000 using this example.

II. The Parable's Conclusion

A. There Were Rewards

- 15 "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. 16 **"The first one came** and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' 17 "Well done, my good servant! 'his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities. '18 **"The second came** and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more. '19 "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities. '

Note: There is a reward for obedience

B. There Were Miscalculations

- 20 "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; **I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth.** 21 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.** '

Note: This is an example of one of those amazing you run across in life.

C. There Were Punishments

- 22 "His master replied, **'I will judge you by your own words,** you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? 23 **Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?** '

Question: Are you dealing with people that are being punished?

D. There Was Permanent Loss

- 24 "Then he said to those standing by, **'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.** '25 "Sir, 'they said, 'he already has ten! '26 "He replied, **'I tell you that to everyone**



who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 27 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.”

Question: Why Do You Have NOTHING? (Is it because of your life choices?)

Side Question: Did You Do Enough to Have SOMETHING? (We will pick this up next week)

Conclusion: Three Important Questions Can Help Us After Reading This Parable?

1. What were your miscalculations while you were waiting?
2. What could you permanently lose if you do not adjust and invest better?
3. What rewards have you missed that others have received?

Next Time: Confronting What I Have not Done and My Expectations

Rad Ahead: Galatians 6:7-9, NIV