

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 19:11-27

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

HOW'S YOUR BUSINESS?

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Rewards, The Will of God, Doers of the Word

Luke 19:11-27

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, **because** ⁽¹⁾ He was near Jerusalem **and because** ⁽²⁾ 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.'

This Parable is Unique Among all the Other Parables

because this one is based upon an actual event that took place in Judea in 4 a.d. What ensued was a High drama of control and authority and to whom the kingdom should be given to...

there are Four (4) elements to this parable.

(1) is the **timing** of the kingdom. (2) is that there are **responsible parties**. (3) is that there is the **ultimate reason** or purpose. (4) is that there is a **conclusion**, a finish-line ahead as it relates to each of our lives.

HOW'S YOUR BUSINESS?

1.) Because God's business is expanding v.11-15

1a.) It's expanding beyond this world v.11-13

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Verse 11

(1) is the **timing** of the kingdom

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, **because** (1) He was near Jerusalem **and because** (2) **they thought** the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

They Knew From the Prophecies from the book of Daniel
That The Messiah Would Arrive at Jerusalem

(2) **they thought** the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

at the turn of the millennium, Messianic hopes were running high, meaning that Israel thought that the time for Israel to be delivered from Roman Occupation. – The Messiah that would deliver!

“A POLITICAL MESSIAH”

was there hope?

Rather - A Deposit Had to be Made

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

the treasure is typified in the talk of “minas or pounds (kjb)
(Three Months Wages)

It represents the gospel message,
that Jesus Christ, as Messiah – would be calling into His kingdom.

GOD’S BUSINESS IS EXPANDING

1b.) It’s expanding against a tough market

v.14

The Gospel Expands...

:14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying,
“We will not have this *man* to reign over us.’

This is The Attitude of This World at This Hour,

John 19:15

...The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!”

People are saying that Every day.
Every Human has a King that reigns over them.

GOD’S BUSINESS IS EXPANDING

1c.) It’s expanding with guaranteed results

v.15

: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.

It is remarkable to see that today, you and I are living
between

>>>>>>>> Luke 19:14 and 15 <<<<<<<<

Why is “Getting Out The Message” so Important?

Because It’s The Way;

John 14:6a

Jesus said, “I am **the way**...

Why is “Getting Out The Message” so Important?

Because It’s The Truth;

John 14:6b

Jesus said, “I am **the truth**...

Why is “Getting Out The Message” so Important?

Because It’s The Life;

John 14:6c

“I am **the life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Why is “Getting Out The Message” so Important?

Because It’s The Hope:

1 Timothy 1:1

Paul, an apostle of **Jesus Christ**, by the commandment of **God our Savior** and **the Lord Jesus Christ**, our **hope**,

Why is “Getting Out The Message” so Important?

Because It’s The Change:

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **:18** But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed** into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. = ***change you can believe in.***

Why is “Getting Out The Message” so Important?

Because It’s The Future:

John 3:36

He who believes in the Son **has** (holds in his hand) everlasting life;

HOW'S YOUR BUSINESS?

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2.) Because God's business is profitable v.16-23

2a.) It's profitable because it cannot collapse v.16-19

: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.**"

The First Man Saw a Return of 1,000%, The Second Man, 500%

The Lord's Business is Profitable and it will never need a bail-out.

Did You Know That:

Cults are Growing in America, & **Mainline Christian Churches** are Dying, and while the **cults are paying cash**, church foreclosures are up 50%

Many of Those Churches **Need to Die** - Get Out of the Way.

2 Timothy 3:1-2,5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: :2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud.... :5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away

But Let Not Your Heart be Troubled...

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" :14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." :15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" :16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." :17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. :18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

GOD'S BUSINESS IS PROFITABLE

2b.) It's profitable because it cannot be concealed v.20-21

: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.'

The Gospel Begins **Private**, and Grows **Public**

(It, by nature must go public)

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

1 Timothy 1:11

according to the **glorious gospel** of the **blessed God** which was committed to my **trust**.

Verse 20

"Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina ^(gospel return),
which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.

which I have Kept "put away" in a handkerchief.

well hidden from view or controversy. – I played it safe!!!

Imagine Being a Salesman & Telling Your Sales Manager

"Hey **Boss**, I'll tell you what;
I'll be on time, I'll clean up after myself, and my books will be perfect, but I just can't be the one
to tell anybody about what we sell here."

"Hey **God**, I'll tell you what; I'll be on time, I'll clean up after myself, this is an Awesome Book,
but I just can't be involved in telling anybody about it."

"I never thought it was important enough to invest in getting it out there."

I'll be moral, I'll attend church, I'll pray at mealtime, but don't ask me to announce that I'm a Christian - publicly.

Mark 8:38

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed **when He comes** in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Matthew 12:30

He who is not **with Me** (*works with me*) is against Me, and he who **does not gather with Me** scatters abroad. (*works against me*)

It Takes "**Spectatorship**" off the Table.
Bystanders, Dreamers, Pretenders – Almost Christians....

Matthew 4:19

Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

...Then Help Us Spread the Word – Expand the Scope (MHZ)
(Real Radio, Journey, school, mission field, children's ministry expansion)

GOD'S BUSINESS IS PROFITABLE

2c.) It's profitable because it cannot be contained v.22-23

:22 And he said to him, "Out of (or by) your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew (believed) 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?"

this "so called Christian" failed to see the reality of God

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

But this *I* say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. :7 *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. :8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

Romans 14:10

...For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

AIG, GM,
don't you want to be investing in that?

1 Thessalonians 2:4

...By God we have been entrusted with the gospel,

HOW'S YOUR BUSINESS?

1.) Because God's business is expanding v.11-15

2.) Because God's business is profitable v.16-23

3.) Because God's business is forever v.24-28

3a.) What's forever is being lived out now v.24-25

"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."*)

**Only for the Christians Today; I want to ask you this question,
what is it that you're "obeying God in doing" - that benefits others?**

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Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. :15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. :16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Consider America Today;

Hasn't the Lord Warned Us Enough Already?

our government is unraveling / our economy is worth nothing / our military is out of money / our leaders are corrupt /

your dedication to the advancement of the gospel
is all important to you and only you. The Lord is inviting the Christian to partner with Him, to co-invest
with Him.

It's tax season

and your taxman knows exactly how much you gave to the work of the Lord.
they know what your priorities are and where your affections lie.

It's Time to Get Involved in Doing God's Business "I'm Calling All Christians"

what did the Lord **invest in with you?** - - are you **using** it for others?
what did the Lord **invest in with you?** - - are you **reproducing** in others?

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I labor in birth... until Christ is **formed** in you,

formed morfo/w morphoo, mor-fo'-o;
to be sculptured, molded, shaped, to be chiseled...
Until Christ is sculptured, molded, shaped, chiseled in you

GOD'S BUSINESS IS FOREVER

3b.) What's forever now will matter then v.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.**
But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.'

your life was given to you.

your existence is known to God - - your knowledge of God's Word, Who Jesus Christ
Is; it's all before you, available to you, - it matters!!!

I did a Funeral Yesterday, and People Hate Funerals...
I love Em' - - Here's Why.....

!!! Times Up!!!

2 Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; **:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

GOD'S BUSINESS IS FOREVER

3c.) What's forever is forever

v.27

But bring here those enemies of mine,
who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.'

They're Guilty of Treason and Subversion
against the God of Heaven & Earth.

there's a day of finality coming.
no one wants to hear this - but it's true.

Matthew 7:20-24

Therefore by their fruits you will know them. **:21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **:22** Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' **:23** And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' **:24** "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel (*good news*) of the kingdom will be preached in all the world
as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

HOW'S YOUR BUSINESS?

DEPENDS ON WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS?

I'm Calling All Christians to Step Up & Stand Up for The Kingdom.

End of Study