

“CAN’T GO BACK!”

Luke 19:11-27 - Pastor Bruce French

What happens to all the citizens in the kingdom?

1. All the citizens in the kingdom receive the same _____ . Luke 19:12-13

ASK...

- What _____ have I received from God?

2. All the citizens in the kingdom are rewarded according to their _____ .

Luke 19:15-19

ASK...

- What _____ am I currently making for the kingdom?

3. All the citizens in the kingdom behave according to their _____ .

Luke 19:20-23

ASK...

- What does my behavior say about my _____ ?

TAKE HOME TRUTH

When we neglect our _____ we forfeit our _____ . Luke 19:24-26

ASK...

- What spiritual _____ have I neglected?

Today's Core Belief:

Stewardship: I believe that everything I am or own belongs to God. *(from 1 Timothy 6:17-19)*

Today's Action:

Take time for the next 4 days to contemplate and pray about one stated question per day from the outline.



Deeper Connection

This final parable in Jesus' last journey toward Jerusalem focuses on a future event - the Parousia (return) of the Lord. Whether people recognize and acknowledge it now, Jesus has all authority and one day all will give an account to him.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Stewardship.

Read Luke 19:11-27 (cp. Matt. 25:14-30)

1. Where does the nobleman go and why (vv. 12-13)? What charge does he give to his servants and why?
2. What happens to the ten minas given to the first and second servant mentioned (vv. 15-19)? What does the master/king say to each servant?
3. How is the third servant different from the previous two when giving an account to the king (vv. 20-21)? What do his words reveal about his attitude and allegiance? How does the king respond (vv. 22-26)? Was this fair? Why or why not?
4. What is said about those who oppose the nobleman's kingship (vv. 14, 27)? Why does Jesus include this in his parable?
5. What resources has Jesus left with you to use and what are you doing with these? What do you want to present to Jesus when he returns?
6. How are you accountable to God? How do you feel about having to give an account for your God-given resources? What practical life changes can you make to invest more in God's kingdom work?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that he has entrusted us with talents. Pray that you faithfully live up to your responsibilities and bring God glory. Ask God to help you give your all to serve him in his kingdom.

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"LIFE PRINCIPLES IN THE PARABLES"

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Occasionally, there are errors we make that can be corrected, like taking a wrong turn that can be followed by a U-turn, or using the wrong verb tense in a sentence that can be rewritten. However, there are some errors we make that cannot be reversed. Hurtful words cannot be taken back, wasted time cannot be regained and sinful choices cannot be overturned.

One of the amazing blessings of being a Christian is the overshadowing reality of God's grace. Because of God's grace, sinners have a path to salvation (Eph. 2:8-9). Because of God's grace, condemnation and guilt can be relieved (Rom 8:1-2). Because of God's grace, our errors can be turned around for good (Rom. 8:28). Christians love to talk about God's grace, but sometimes they forget that God's grace cannot restore everything. God's grace cannot bring back a life that was taken by a drunk driver and God's grace cannot save a person's soul from Hell when they refuse to believe.

Today's parable addresses the fact that some rewards that are lost cannot be retrieved. Once the opportunity has passed, a person cannot turn back the hands of time. Thus Jesus emphatically emphasizes that we must remain diligent as we serve him.