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WARM-UP

- If you had unlimited resources, what purchase would you want to make today? Why?
- Who is your most loyal friend? Recall an instance explaining this.
- What is one talent or skill you'd like to develop? Why?

WORD

“Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’” **LUKE 19:13**

(Read also **LUKE 19:11-27**.)

The parable of the ten minas recounts a story of a master who entrusted his riches to his servants. The master praised them who made good use of what he gave them. In the same way, we must understand that everything we have belongs to God, and we are simply stewards of these blessings. What does it mean to be a steward, and what does it entail? Following are three lessons we can glean from this parable.

1 We need to be faithful.

¹³“Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come. . . .’¹⁷And he said to him, Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.” **LUKE 19:13,17**

God has entrusted resources to us that we are to properly steward. Whether He gives us little or much, we need to be faithful in taking care of it. Why do you think God is pleased with faithfulness? How does He reward faithfulness? (Luke 19:17)

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2 We need to be fruitful.

“And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’”

LUKE 19:24

To be a steward does not just mean taking care of what God gives us, but making it grow. God adds to what He entrusts to us so we can be a blessing to others, and ultimately give Him glory. What can we do to bear much fruit? (John 15:5)

3 We need to have the fear of God.

21“ . . . for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.” 22He said to him, ‘I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow?’” **LUKE 19:21,22**

The foolish servant hid the mina entrusted to him out of fear of punishment. Sometimes, we still carry this kind of mindset—that God is out to punish us when we do wrong. God is just, but we must understand that He is also loving. As His children, we must learn to fear Him—that is, to regard Him with honor and reverence. What is the result of God’s perfect love to us? (1 John 4:18)

APPLICATION

- What has God entrusted to you to steward? Starting this week, how can you be faithful with what He has given you?
- God's Word says that branches that bear fruit must be pruned, so they can bear more fruit (John 15:2). In what area is God pruning you, so you can bear fruit? How can you respond to His pruning this week?
- How do you see God? What can you do this week to see God for who He really is?

PRAYER

- Declare God's faithfulness in your life. Ask Him for the grace to be faithful to Him with what He has entrusted to you.
- Pray for fruitfulness in every area of your life. In your Victory group, intercede for opportunities to be a blessing to the people around you.
- Ask God to develop a healthy fear of Him. Pray that as you do so, you would increase in wisdom (Proverbs 1:7).



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