

Sunday Sermon Notes

"Keeping the Trust"

We live in the time "in-between":

Jesus' first coming and Jesus' second coming

Principles of "in-between" living:

Be ready at any time

Be prepared for the long haul

Be trustworthy of God's gifts

Be faithful in service to others

Our master has placed his trust in us:

With great confidence

With high expectations

With clear accountability

With rich rewards and severe punishment

The "good and faithful" servants:

Acted with urgency

Risked failure to guarantee success

Prospered his master

The "wicked and lazy" servant:

Acted with hesitancy

Risked nothing to guarantee failure

Disappointed his master

What about the servants not named?

Who keep the money

Who waste the money

Who lose the money

Suggestions for "Keeping the Trust"

Work in teams

Be creative

Have fun

Digging Deeper

Notes for Individual Meditation and Small Group Discussion

Reviewing the Sermon:

What are some of the things you know God has placed in your trust?

Which action of the "good and faithful" servant do you believe is most important? Which is most difficult?

Why do you think it is so important that we not just return what God has given us, but also increase it? For whose glory is this to be?

Why do you think Jesus does not talk about servants who have nothing to return to the master?

Discuss with your group how you plan to use your "Keeping the Trust" money. Consider whether you might want to work together as a group.

Bible Study: Luke 19:11-27

Discussion Questions

(Remember that not all questions must be used)

You will notice that the parable of the ten minas is very similar to the parable of the talents. There are some differences, however. It is in some of these differences that we hope to discover new truth for our lives about "Keeping the Trust."

The man of noble birth is going to the distant country to have himself appointed king of his home country. This is very similar to what the Herods of Palestine did by going to Rome to be

appointed king. How might this also be similar to what Jesus is doing?

Verse 14 reports that some of his subjects objected to the man being appointed king. In what way does this also relate to Jesus as our king?

In this parable each servant is given the same amount, where in the other servants are given according to their abilities. Why do you think there might be this difference?

Ten servants receive money but Jesus only tells of what three of them have done with the money. What do you think the other seven might have done with it?

While each servant received the same amount, two of the servants are rewarded, though for bringing different amounts. What conclusions do you think we might draw from this difference?

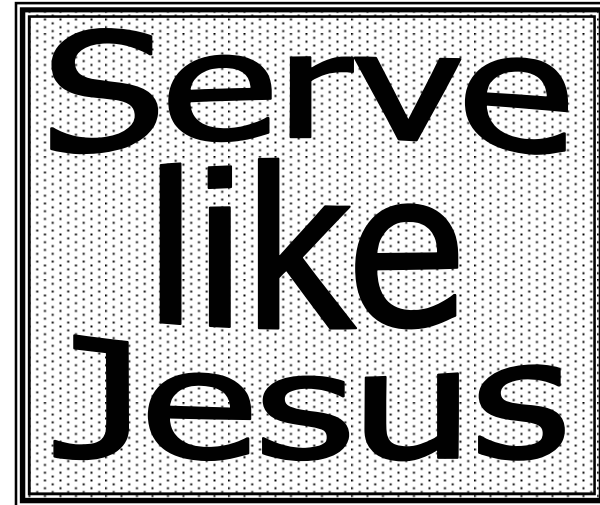
Once again the servant who only brings back the money given to him is punished for not bringing any increase. Why do you think Jesus seems to be making such a strong case about making an increase and not recognizing the responsibility shown in safely keeping the money and not losing it?

What do you think is the significance of the fact that the servant who had done the most also received the money of the unfaithful servant? How fair do you think this is?

How do you feel about verse 27? What does this tell us about punishment for unbelief?

Prayer Time:

Pray together about best using those provisions God has placed in your trust.



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