

The Parable of the Pound

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 19:11-27.

B. The Parable of the Pound is the only parable based on an event of history.

II. The historical setting.

A. Fifty Jews protested against a man becoming king over the Jews before Caesar.

B. Different kings came along in charge of different cities, and then another of a different sort came along. This person did not invest his master's property properly.

III. The meaning of the parable.

A. The present dispensation has Christ ruling at the right hand of the Father. (Acts 1:6, Psalm 110:1, Hebrews 10:12)

B. Christ will return, and we will reign with Him on this earth in proportion to what we did on this earth. (I Corinthians 6:2)

IV. Application.

A. Every believer in Christ has a spiritual gift. (Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, I Peter 4)

B. A key to successful service is recognizing that a gift is from God.

C. One's gift is to be invested and not guarded.

D. Whenever one invests a gift, he must recognize the risk.

E. The man who is faithful in a little responsibility will be entrusted with much.

F. What one does with his gift reveals what one thinks of Christ.

Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone that says everyone will receive equal benefits in heaven?

2. What is your spiritual gift? How do you think one can go about discovering his or her gift?

3. How is the use of a gift or talent a responsibility? How can you better use your gift or responsibility?
