

The Servant Who Held His Own

Luke 19:12-27

Introduction:

- A. Parable of Minas (or pounds) different but similar to parable of talents.
- B. Third servant to be commended for some things.
 - 1. Had become the servant of a nobleman (v. 12).
 - 2. Respected the power and position of his master (vv. 21-22).
 - 3. Tenderly cared for mina and did not waste it in on riotous living.
- C. Third servant had two all-too-common faults.
 - 1. Ruled by fear rather than faith. – Master said “do business” (v. 13).
 - 2. Content to “hold his own” (v. 23) – Did not do so in judgment (vv. 24-26).
- D. Third servant can teach us individually and congregationally two important *lessons*.

Discussion:

I. The Importance of Being *Protective* of the Lord’s Way.

- A. Guard it with godly jealousy (2 Cor. 11:1-4).
 - 1. Against all opposition. (1 Tim. 6:20; Jude 3, Phil. 1:17)
 - 2. Against all deception. (Eph. 4:14, 15)
 - 3. Against division and faction. (Eph. 4:1-3; 2:12-18; Tit. 3:10; Rom. 16:17-18).
- B. Guard against erosion from within (cf. 1 Cor. 5:7).
 - 1. Against relaxing high moral and ethical standards from within.
 - 2. Against our zeal for worship and work cooling by degrees.
 - 3. Against losing appetite for strong teaching and preaching. (2 Tim. 2:2-4).

II. The Importance of Being *Productive* in the Lord’s Way.

- A. Cannot be content to just protect what we have and just hold our own.
 - 1. Relax when reach certain level: Property paid for, able to post good numbers.
 - 2. Relax when certain level of knowledge is reached.
- B. Cannot “level-off” in our need and desire to grow. (Phil. 3:13-14).
 - 1. Always more souls to be saved. (Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:47; 8:4).
 - 2. Always more knowledge and wisdom to be gained (2 Pet. 3:18).
 - 3. Always more work to be done. (1 Cor. 15:58).
 - 4. Always more maturity to be reached. (2 Cor. 4:16).
 - 5. Always more problems to be solved. (1 Cor. 11:19).

Conclusion:

- A. Let us guard everything that God has entrusted into our hands.
- B. Let us not be content just to guard it, but put it to use.
- C. Let us become the Master’s servants. (Cf. Rom. 16:16-18).