

The Ten Minas – Luke 19:11-27

1. Can you easily overlook wastefulness around the house? Do you ever become angry over wasted opportunities that come and go?
2. According to v 11, why does Jesus need to tell this parable? What dangers are brought about by the slow growth of God's Kingdom?
3. Read the rest of the passage. Who might the 'man of noble birth' be? What is his going away and coming back a reference to? Are you a 'servant' or a 'subject'?
4. What is the task issued to each of the servants? How does the third servant fail?
5. What might be meant by the master "taking out what he did not put in and reaping what he did not sow" (vs 21-22)? Does the way this concept is expressed in Matthew 25:24-27 make its meaning any clearer?
6. What is the lesson for those who see themselves as God's servants? Does Christ's instruction to his servants instill a sense of fear or opportunity within you? How can you move from the former to the latter?
7. What's your assessment on the spiritual return that's being generated by your own personal skills and resources? If the return is minimal, what steps can you take to put your mina to work?

8. When the King returns, what are the consequences for:

- a. the servants who use what they've been given;
- b. the servants who don't do anything (see also 1 Cor 3:10-15);
- c. the subjects who reject the King's authority?

9. What is the reward for those who serve well? How large is the reward? When might this reward be enjoyed?

10. Identify those opportunities to put your own resources and skills to work. Pray for God's help and energy so that these opportunities are not wasted.