

“Once Upon A Time”

- **Believers Are Given Specific Responsibilities**

*“So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas.
‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’”*
Luke 19:13 (NIV)

- **Believers Will Be Held Personally Accountable**

*“...Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the
money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.”*
Luke 19:15b (NIV)

- **God’s Rewards Are Based On Faithfulness**

*“‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied.
‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small
matter, take charge of ten cities.’”* Luke 19:17 (NIV)

Luke 19:11-27 (NIV)

¹¹ While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.

¹² He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return.

¹³ So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'

¹⁴ "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'

¹⁵ "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

¹⁶ "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.'

¹⁷ "'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

¹⁸ "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.'

¹⁹ "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.'

²⁰ "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth.

²¹ I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'

²² "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow?

²³ Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'

²⁴ "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.'

²⁵ "'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!'

²⁶ "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away.'

²⁷ But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them--bring them here and kill them in front of me."

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NIV)

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds.

¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,

¹³ his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

¹⁴ If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

¹⁵ If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

1 John 2:28 (NIV)

²⁸ And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.