

God's Calling Requirements
Part 41
The Parable of the Ten Pounds (Minas)

“11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.” (Luke 19:11-27 KJV)

“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 they have 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.” (Luke 19:11-27 NIV)

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, 11 While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, The Lord had reasons to give to the people the parable that we had read, and as the following:-

A- *because he was nigh to Jerusalem, because he was near Jerusalem:* The Lord was moving forward toward Jerusalem, to the place that He will be handed over to be crucified. Therefore He needed to declare about His second coming and how he is going to judge the people.

B- *and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once:* The people they have a wrong concept of how the kingdom of God would appear. They were thinking the kingdom of God will appear in a spontaneous irrational manner. Many Christians they think the kingdom of God will appear like a dream in a night, that when you sleep you will see a dream, and you find yourself in the kingdom of God. The parable that Christ gave it showed that the kingdom of God will not appear as something haphazard. Instead He showed deep truth about our responsibility and accountability toward the coming event of the appearing of the Kingdom of God. According to Christ’s parable you will be either rewarded, or judged and punished.

12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 12 He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. A certain nobleman A man of noble birth this is our Lord Jesus Christ, who came from heaven, who died, who was buried, and rose from the death on the third day, who went to heaven, enthroned, and He is now at the right hand of God the Father, and He will come back to take us to heaven.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 13 So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. ‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’ Therefore before He will be passing through the process of the cross He called ten of His servants and entrusted them with ten pounds (minas) in order for them to put them in work till He will come. One mina is equal to three months wages.

The servants who took the ten pounds (minas) should thank Him and be grateful to Him. But instead of that, they betrayed Him, *14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 14 “But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’*

The question that we are going to put here is “Why they hated him and why they did not like Him to be king over their lives? Why people that God call hate Jesus and they don’t want Him to be a king over their lives?”

1- People they don’t like to be accountable: People love to receive and enjoy what they receive but they don’t want to be giving account to what they receive.

2- People they don't like to be working hard: People are usually lazy and they don't want to work hard.

3- People they don't like to be scrutinized: People they don't want to be questioned or examined and get investigated about the details of their lives and conducts.

4- People they don't like to be controlled: People they don't want to be controlled and hindered from doing their own will. People has many plans and ambitious projects that contradicts God's will and God's plan, therefore they are hating the Lord who devices plans against their wishes and plans, *"11 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good."* (Jeremiah 18:11 KJV) But the more they are heading with their plans that are against the Lord, the more He will device plans against them to break their pride and arrogance.

As we go through the parable we can conclude further points about our Lord that will make us understand His will and how His second coming will be taking place:

A- The Lord shall force the people to be changed: When the Lord sent for ten of his servants and entrusted them, all of them hated Him, but later on we can see that there were among them who become fruitful and become productive toward the Lord. It means they were changed with the measures of the Lord and with His Word. Those people got changed because they knew that they will not be able to change the will of God and they will not be able to oppose the Lord and go against His plan. *15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, 15 "He was made king, however, and returned home.*

2- The Lord shall reward the people that had been changed: then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. *16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 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.'* Eternal life with reward will be the lot of those who are complying with God's will and plan.

2- The Lord shall punish the people that are not willing to be changed: *27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me. 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.* Eternal fire will be the lot of those who hate God and hate to walk in His ways.

3- The Lord shall judge the people that are not willing to be changed and who are hiding their sins: *20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up*

that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 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.' This person is a one who pretend to be smart in hiding his sins. He is lazy, selfish and does not want to work hard, and when he was called to give an account he put forward his excuses and he even blame the Lord for his non productivity. People as such you find them inside the churches, they know what God had asked them to do but they are adamant and non willing to comply and they use all their might to cover up their sins. But the Lord will face such kind of people and expose their sins and judge them. The church should be aware of such kind of people and deal with them and their sins. The church should stand with the Lord to discipline such kind of people. *22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I 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?*

The Lord even explained to him of what he needed to do. Therefore we need to explain to those people what they were ought to do. *23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 23 Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'* Then the Lord put His judgment on that person; He did not reward him and even what he had was taken away from him. We need to do the same and apply the judgment of God on those who are hiding behind their sins. *24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 24 "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.'*

Such kind of people, who knows God's will, and are hiding with their sins inside the church, will try to deceive others and will pretend that they are innocent and godly. Such kind of people when God is judging them, the other believers who are around them, whom they are deceiving will pray for them and ask the Lord not to take from them what He gave them to give to the one that has many, *25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 25 " 'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!'* But the Lord is faithful and will explain to us, His church, and show us the sins of such kind of sinners inside the body of Christ, and will show us His justice toward those who are obedient in doing His will. *26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 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 they have will be taken away.*

My dear and beloved: Go again through the message, and understand God's will for you and amend your ways. You need to understand that you cannot go against His will and plans. Sooner or later you will be exposed and the Lord will deal properly with you and with your sins. Our God is the Lord of Justice, and He will reward those who are faithful and fruitful. Rather therefore be motivated with the reward of the Lord, and repent and be changed so you will be blessed and live a life that pleased God as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that showed me clearly your ways and your will. Lord I repent from the following sins*

_____. *Lord I commit my life to the calling that you entrusted to me and I will abide to do your will. I commit myself to be fruitful and productive person in your kingdom. Uphold me with your grace and provide for me to continue to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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