



**TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS**  
**LUKE 19:11 – 27**

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**REFERENCE SCRIPTURE(S)**

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John 9:4, 1 Peter 4:10, John 15:4 – 5

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**HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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Luke 19 is divided into four sections: Section 1, verses 1-10, Jesus talks with a tax collector, Zacchaeus; Section 3, verses 28-40, Christ makes His coronation ride into the city of Jerusalem; Section 4, verses 41-48, Jesus weeps over Jerusalem.

For the message today we will focus on Section 2, verses 11-27. These are the verses that apply to us. Jesus told the parable because there were those present who assumed the kingdom would appear immediately. In the parable, there is a nobleman who goes into a far country to receive a kingdom. Prior to his departure he gathers servants and gives them an assignment to expand the resources they have been given. All gain a divide except for one who is chided and rebuked.

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**Q & A**

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**1. Do you believe God desires for us to be productive in the kingdom? Explain your answer.**

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**2. What is meant by the phrase, “God will trust you until you prove you cannot be trusted”?**

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**3. What do the “minas” represent in the parable?**

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**Q & A (CONTINUED)**

**4. In the sermon, Pastor Williams said, “Initiative is about your willingness to do something about what you do not know.” This comment was said about the man who hid his talent. What type of initiative could he have taken to increase a yield on the talent he received?**

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**5. How is the parable of the talents applicable to the Kingdom of God.**

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**APPLICATION QUESTION**

What steps can you take to ensure that you are faithfully using the resources God has given you, and how can you encourage others to do the same?

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**DISCUSSION/ACTIVITY**

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**WORD OF THE WEEK**

*“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” – Psalm 90:12*

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**PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**

February is Personal Kindness Month. Pray for God’s leading to display God’s love through acts of kindness to at least four people (i.e., visitation, groceries, lawn care, nursing home, etc.).