

# When Jesus Hands You Cash

Luke: All Things New



## Series Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



## Sermon Text

Luke 19:11-27



## Big Idea

Jesus is approaching Jerusalem. The people are expecting the kingdom to come in full force immediately. Instead, first the King must die. He will give His life in love for sinners like you and I. He will come again in glory, but not yet. This parable describes life as it should be lived in the space between the two comings of Christ. We are servants, stewarding His resources for spiritual gain.

### (1) Have I Been Given a Mina?

You'll note right away there are three different players in this parable. We've got first this "nobleman"—who clearly stands for Jesus. In the second place, in v. 14 there we meet a group of people whom Jesus refers to as "his citizens." Here are those Jewish leaders and others who rejected Him—because He simply was not the sort of King they desired. And then, finally, we come to this third group, whom Jesus refers to as "his servants" (v. 13). This clearly alludes to those who have an interest in Jesus and are attempting to follow along with Him. It's a reference to His disciples. It's a reference, I hope, to people like you and me. And, if that's the case, we, like these servants in the parable, are given a mina.

### (2) If Yes, What Is It?

**(1) Goods**—Here I'm thinking especially of material goods. What we have is not our own. It's been given to us from God.

**(2) Gifts**—Here I am thinking especially of what we might call "spiritual gifts." These are those special endowments of Christ's personality and power given to us through His Spirit that we are to steward for Him in some way.

**(3) Gospel**—With this I'm simply referring to that which Paul talks about in places like 1 Cor 4:1 where he says we are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

### (3) How Do I Turn It for Gain?

If we would bring gain for Christ's kingdom with our entrusted goods, gifts, and gospel then we must release our goods, and use our gifts, for the sake of the gospel!

### (4) What Motivates Me in This Work?

The reason this third servant wasn't motivated to do the work is because He didn't truly know the King He was called to work for. The King seemed to Him to be cruel and rigid. When once you truly come to know the King, when you at last comprehend the love He has for you, the love that led Him like a lamb to be slaughtered there on the cross, well that changes everything!

### (5) What Is Coming for Me at His Return?

To those who know the King to be gracious, to them is given grace upon grace: "Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over [more]" (v. 17).

## Reflection Questions



- There are things both encouraging/comforting and troubling/concerning in this text. What were some of these things for you? Explain.
- What is your understanding of spiritual gifts? What Scriptures support this understanding? What do you think your own spiritual gift(s) might be? What would it look to use it for the sake of the gospel?
- Has God seemed cruel or kind to you lately? Why? How has this affected your own desire to serve Him and spread the gospel to others?