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Parables-Stewardship-Talents: The Minas

Luke 19:17-27

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SERMON SYNOPSIS

- Before leaving his kingdom to settle some matters, the king in the parable of the ten minas in Luke 19 entrusted ten servants with ten minas to do business until he returned. He required his servants to faithfully carry out his business until He returned. Upon the king's return, he called his servants to account for the gains from the minas entrusted to them. Servants who faithfully obeyed the king's orders were rewarded while the servant who did not care for what mattered to his king and did not obey his king was stripped of his mina & given to another.
- The king signifies Jesus Christ; the servants represent us Christians as we call Him "Lord"; the mina represents everything God has entrusted to us, while the context of the parable signifies the final return of Jesus, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
- In this parable, Jesus Christ is not teaching us how to make more money or giving an investment strategy. He is revealing the heart of every servant because **faithful servants care about what matters to the King**. As Jesus' servants, we are only stewards and not owners. God has never asked us to compare ourselves with others nor be somebody else or covet what God has given them, but simply **to be faithful with what He has entrusted to us**. What we do with the mina God entrusted to us reveals **who He is to us** – Is Jesus my King and is Jesus our King in TPMC in whom we obey completely and faithfully?
- Each of us is entrusted with a mina and our minas may look different. Whether one is called to go or stay, preach or quietly serve, give generously or being unemployed for a season, every disciple is uniquely equipped to fulfil God's mission. This is because **every mina comes with a mission and every servant will one day stand before the King to give an account on how we steward our mina for Jesus' Kingdom**.
- To become faithful servants of Jesus, we do well to honestly reflect on the following:
 - ✓ What have we done with what Jesus has entrusted to each of us individually as well as a church in TPMC? Do we care about what matters to Jesus?
 - ✓ Are we *just* busy, or are we busy with what matters to Jesus our King?
 - ✓ Do we see our mina to include Toa Payoh and every person around us?
 - ✓ In our pledging to God, do we see the Church Budget as a spiritual document and a shared commitment to Jesus our King?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

RELATE

1. During the sermon, the Pastor said, "*Never underestimate what God can do through ordinary faithfulness.*" Think of a time when you served faithfully in what seemed like a small matter. How did God use that ordinary act of faithfulness to impact someone else's life? Share your experience.

REFLECT

2. In the Parable of the Minas, the wicked servant called his Master a "harsh" man and admitted that he kept his entrusted mina and did not do anything with it. How do the following scripture texts reveal the true purpose of the mina, and what truths do they reveal about God that prove the servant's view was completely wrong?

[Verses to help us go deeper: Proverbs 3:5, 9–10; 1 Peter 4:10]

RESPOND

3. What 'mina' has God placed in your hands that you find yourself hesitating to use? What practical steps can you take this week to move beyond your fear or reluctance and faithfully put it to work for His Kingdom?

PRAYER POINTERS

- Praise the LORD for His unmerited grace and abounding mercies. We acknowledge that everything we are and possess is a gift from Him. Give thanks to our Heavenly Father and worship Him because we own nothing and yet our Lord generously gives all we need.
- Thank God for entrusting each of us with unique 'minas' and granting His wisdom to invest these entrustments for His Kingdom. Tell God that we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve in His redemptive Kingdom's work.
- Ask God to show us and forgive us the specific areas where we have fallen short and mismanaged what He entrusted to us. Ask the Holy Spirit to transform and guide us as we resolutely choose to use the 'minas' effectively until His return, for His glory and benefit to others where He placed us.

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON

"His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'" [Matthew 25:23 NKJV]

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UPCOMING COURSES & EVENTS

- **Project Tribute**

In celebration of our 56th Church Anniversary, we are blessing some 800 healthcare workers in the Toa Payoh community!

A gift of S\$20 sponsors each healthcare worker, under the *Project Tribute*. Find more details on our website or scan this QR code to donate.

If you would like to serve as a donor, please sign up via this link:

<https://tpmc.org.sg/project-tribute-2026/>

Thank you for partnering us in this effort to honour and bless our community.



- **Developing Your S.H.A.P.E. to Serve Others**

Discover your spiritual gifts and how you can be equipped to do His good works.

Dates: 22 & 29 Aug (Sat)

Time: 9.00am-12.00 noon

Venue: Hall 2 (L3)

Registration: tpmc.org.sg

Closing Date: 9 Aug (Sun)

Note: This is a pre-requisite for membership application.

- **Step Up**

This course is for those preparing for church membership and anyone who is curious about the Methodist heritage.

Dates: 5, 12, 19 & 26 Sep (Sat)

Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon

- **Step Up Retreat**

Date: 3 Oct (Sat)

Time: 9.00am-12.00 noon

Registration: tpmc.org.sg/membership

Closing Date: 9 Aug (Sun)