

## **‘THE REALLY GOOD LIFE!’**

### *(The Life of Christ Series)*

#### **Gospel of Luke**

#### **Millennium Job Placement**

*Alumni Job Placement* is one of the benefits of graduates after completing their college degree program. Potential employers will look over resumes of those alumni seeking a job and choose somebody who meets the needed requirements. Things potential employers look for are those who have done well in completing the academic demands of their degree major, previous experience, and recommendations by teachers and others who have been impressed by the applicant. Both academics and experience are important to getting a good job. A graduate may have been intelligent in the classroom and graduated with degrees and honors, but could be incompetent when actually doing what he or she majored in at school. On the other hand, some job applicants may have lots of practical experience, but little or no formal education to show for it. Both factors will be important to the Lord when He fills the Millennial Kingdom positions when He returns to rule and reign on earth (**Revelation 20:2-6**). What Christians are doing now in this life for the Lord will dictate their position and function for 1,000 years when Christ returns.

When someone is truly made spiritually alive by trusting Jesus and what He did on the cross for them personally (*‘born again’* / **John 3:3-8**) he or she is indwelt by the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 1:13-14**) and endowed with spiritual gift abilities from God (**Romans 12:3-6, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 1 Peter 4:10-11**). These God-given *spiritual gifts* and abilities (**Ephesians 4:7**) are for each believer to glorify God and serve other Christians through church fellowship ministries they are led to join after becoming a Christian (**Ephesians 3:20-21**). To the degree a Christian is committed to serving Christ, they are writing their own resume of diligence, faithfulness, and sacrifice which will qualify them for Millennial Kingdom of God on earth, service when Jesus comes again (**Revelation 2:26, 3:12, 3:20-21, 11:18, 22:3; 1 Cor. 6:2-3**). Good works do not save (**Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5**) but they do qualify (*or disqualify those who don't do much*) believers for ministry positions to come in the Kingdom Age on earth (**Matthew 24:45-51, 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27**). This is why it is so important for each of us who know, love, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ to put as much time (ministry hours for church), talent (regular church activity involvement), and treasure (our financial tithes and offerings through church) into God's work as possible (**Romans 12:1-2**).

For the Christians who don't do much for the Lord, don't give much to His church, and don't for some reason don't even attend much, what job in the coming Kingdom of God do you expect to have for doing next to nothing for your Savior in this life? Think about it – if you get to do for the Lord then, what you're doing now, only better, what will that be? You won't be able to fritter away 1,000 years just talking about maybe doing something for God eventually or do other personal entertainment things you now put ahead of your Savior! No excuses will be accepted then. As we will see in Jesus' **'Parable of the Perks'** (**Luke 19:11-27**), maybe lack of much tangible evidence that Christ means something to you may mean you don't really know the Savior. Please don't get mad at me for saying that – if He isn't worth making first in your time, talent, and treasure now, what makes you so sure He really has come into your life?

The Corinthian church was full of *slacker saints* who said they were saved, but had little to show for it (**2 Corinthians 13:5**). Check in prayer with God just to be sure you really belong to Him. If you do, it really is high time to get busy living for Him Who died for you. What you know about the Bible matters a lot! But what you are doing with what you are learning (experience) is just as important. You are writing your own resume every day (**Malachi 3:16-18, 1 Corinthians 3:10-17**). Your guardian angel (**Hebrews 1:14**) and church leaders who know you now will be your references before the throne then (**Hebrews 13:17**). What you knew of God's Word (**John 12:48**) will be considered. Your *job placement* in the Millennial Kingdom is being determined now in this life. Will the Savior say to you, **“Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord”** (**Matthew 25:21**) or not? More importantly what are you going to say to Him on that day if you did little or nothing for Him now? I wonder what your job will be then if you didn't practice doing it for Him now in this life? (**2 Corinthians 5:9-11**)

**PtL**

**'Christ is Coming! (With Rewards & Wrath)'**  
**(Jesus' Prophetic Parable of The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming Perks)**  
**Luke 19:11-27**

**While He's Away**  
**(Take Care of Business)**

*"Now as they heard these things, **(Jesus) spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.** Therefore, He said: **"A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'** But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, **"We will not have this man to reign over us."**"* **19:11-14**

**While Jesus is away between His comings, the Holy Spirit's ministry on earth is to infuse believers with new spiritual life and install spiritual gifts and abilities to use in bringing others to Christ and blessing fellow Christians by ministering grace through local church ministries.**

- What spiritual gifts do you believe have been put in you and how are you currently using them?
- How do you think you will be able to continue using them in a glorified body in the coming Kingdom of God?
- How does God develop and perfect the spiritual gifts He has placed in you?

**When He Returns**  
**(Receive Your Reward)**

*"And so it was that **when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.'** And he said to him **"Well done good servant; because you were faithful in a little, have authority over ten cities.** And the second came, saying **"Master, your mina has earned five minas.'** Likewise he said to him, **"You also be over five cities."**"* **19:15-19**

**When Jesus comes again (or in our case as Church Age saints) He will review and reward good use of the spiritual gift(s) He entrusted to us.**

- What are the things you can think of that He will hold you accountable for on that day? (*2 Corinthians 5:10*)
- Are you looking forward to that day or are you concerned about how it will go on that day of accounting? (*1 John 2:28-3:3*)
- Do you think rewards can be negated? (*1 Cor. 3:12-15, 2 John 8, Rev. 3:11*).
- How can rewards be revoked? How does knowing this help us in our walk & work for the Lord?

**What to Expect**  
**(Reap What You Sow)**

*"Then another came, saying, **"Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. For I feared you because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit and reap what you did not sow."** And he said to him, **"Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?"**"*

*And he said to those who stood by, **"Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas."** But they said to him, **"Master, he has ten minas."** For I say to you that to **everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have even what he has will be taken away from him.** But bring here those enemies of mine, **who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me."**"* **19:20-27**

- Do you think the person above was truly saved or not? (Explain your opinion)
- Do you think the *wicked servant* is destined for the same consequences as *the enemies* (in v 27) who refused Christ as Lord in their life?
- Discuss how what a person does with the gifts God gives them reveals whether or not they truly know the Lord at all?
- Talk about the giving of the *wicked servant's* gift to the one with 10 cities already. Will that added responsibility be a blessing in the Millennial Kingdom? (Explain)