

## Giving an Account

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Jesus is the supreme example of practicing good stewardship with the kingdom of God.

- *“As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.” (Luke 19:11, ESV)*

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Jesus assigns the work of the kingdom to His followers during His physical absence.

- *“He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’” (Luke 19:12–13, ESV)*

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Followers of Jesus are held accountable to practice good stewardship of the resources we have been given for the advancement of His kingdom.

- *“The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’” (Luke 19:16–19, ESV)*

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There is decisive judgment for those who squander the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

- *“But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’” (Luke 19:14, ESV)*
- *“‘But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.’” (Luke 19:27, ESV)*

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