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# THE CALLED OUT ONES

## Minas vs. Talents

- Minas Jericho and Jerusalem
  - **Talents Mount of Olives**
- Minas Large Crowd
  - **Talents Disciples Only**
- Minas Master inherits Kingdom
  - Talents Master is to Return
- Minas 3 Classes of People
  - Talents Servants Only

**Minas vs. Talents**  Minas – 100 Days Wages Talents – 20 Years Wages Minas – Received Same Amount **Talents – Different Amounts** • Minas – Return was different **Talents – Doubled Returns**  Minas – Different Rewards **Talents – Identical Rewards** 

## **Proper Context for Minas**

- Factual Historical Illustration
- The Number 10 Testimony, Law, Obedience, Responsibility and Completeness
- Pragmateuomai busy yourself with, bear fruit with,

administrate, manage profitably in everyday life

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Principle #1 The context of this parable teaches us that Christ's motivation for sharing it is based on the fact that He came to seek and save that which is lost.

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.

# Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Principle #2 **Every human being falls into one** of the three categories in Jesus' parable: faithful servant, unfaithful servant, or enemy. **Every single one of them is** accountable to Christ.

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# Principle #3

When the Lord returns, He will make us account for what we have done with the opportunity and privilege He's afforded us through Christ's atoning death on the cross, because it is a major indicator of our heart condition, faith, love, thankfulness, etc.

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### Principle #4 The Mina that every professing believer has received from God is exactly the same as every one else's and the Lord expects us to be busy using it profitably on a daily basis.

**Every believer has received from** the Master the same unconditional love, forgiveness, grace, and mercy. We also received the same Holy Spirit, the Great Commission, we have equal access to the Word of God, and we all have the same call to become Christlike and to have a good and profitable testimony.

Principle #5 For every good and faithful servant, God's judgment will be a time of blessing, affirmation, reward, and rejoicing.

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Those who have no love, trust, intimacy, or good word to say about God or His goodness, even though they acknowledge Him, have no real relationship with Him and will end up with nothing from Him in the end. Such a person will lose even what they thought they had.

## Principle #7 Your one job while you wait for Christ's return is to faithfully invest everything He has given you.

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