

# how to **PREPARE** for your Final Exam

**2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**Matthew 16:27** For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

## The Parable of the Ten Minas

**Luke 19:11** 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. <sup>12</sup>He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. <sup>13</sup>Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' <sup>14</sup>But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' <sup>15</sup>When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. <sup>16</sup>The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' <sup>17</sup>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.' <sup>18</sup>And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' <sup>20</sup>Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; <sup>21</sup>for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' <sup>22</sup>He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup>Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' <sup>24</sup>And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' <sup>25</sup>And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' <sup>26</sup>'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>27</sup>But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'

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## Seven Lessons to Help God's People Prepare for our Final Exam

1. The Master is an **EQUAL** Opportunity Employer. *Luke 19:16*
  - a. Every believer has at least one spiritual gift. *Ephesians 4:7-10*
  - b. Every believer should be using their gift. *1 Timothy 4:12, 1 Peter 4:10*
2. The Master has clearly communicated His **DESIRES** to His servants. *Luke 19:13*
  - a. "Do business with this until I return" (Clear instruction to be busy) *Ephesians 2:10*
  - b. As a servant we are here to serve King Jesus. *Luke 17:10*
3. The Master's servants **REJECT** His authority. *Luke 19:14*
  - a. Who's in charge of your life? *John 19:15*
  - b. We need to surrender to the King and allow Him to lead us. *Romans 12:1-2*
4. The Master is returning one day and will call us into **ACCOUNT**. *Luke 19:15*
  - a. Looking at our world today... it could be soon!
  - b. You and I must be preparing now for the return of the King. *Matthew 25:1-12*
5. The Master expects us to be **FRUITFUL**. *Luke 19:16*
  - a. You were created to bring God glory! *Isaiah 43:7*
  - b. We bring glory to God by growing up and serving Him. *John 15:8*
6. The Master will evaluate us in the coming Kingdom based on what we do **NOW**. *Luke 19:15*
  - a. Rewards will be gained. *1 Corinthians 3:14*
  - b. Rewards will be lost. *1 Corinthians 3:15*
7. The Master will not accept **WEAK** excuses. *Luke 19:22*
  - a. We are stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. *1 Corinthians 4:1*
  - b. As stewards we are called to be faithful. *1 Corinthians 4:2*

### Application:

1. Receive the King. *John 1:12*
2. Listen to the King. *John 10:27*
3. Serve the King. *Matthew 20:28*

### BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Psalms 115     | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Zechariah 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Zechariah 1    | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Zechariah 5   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Zechariah 2   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Zechariah 6 |
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