



Business Leadership Group Discussion & Application Guide

Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, Do Business Exponentially ‘til I Return -Session 1 of 4

Text: Luke 19:11-27 NKJV...beginning with vs. 11 “Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.” Verse 13 ends with “Do business ‘til I come.”

In this session, Bruce begins reflecting on one of Jesus’ teachings that transformed his life--God’s design for a reward system that will only be fully revealed in eternity. Salvation is the gift of God [Eph 2:8-9.] The works that God has already prepared for us to do [Eph 2:10] have potential rewards associated with them. As a starting point, consider Colossians 3:17-25 and discuss with your group...

Bruce focuses on Luke 19:15, where Jesus’ parable portrayed a Christ-like nobleman/king who was very concerned about his subjects’ productivity while He was gone. The parable clearly parallels Christ’s first and second coming and the activities of his stewards in between. Have you ever thought of the rewards that await faithful stewardship? [explain to your group]

Bruce goes on to state that the proportional reward for fruitfulness is a major teaching of Jesus. Why do you think so little focus is given to this fact in most Christian circles?

Select an idea or concept from Bruce’s talk that would make the most impact or warrants immediate attention and answer the following questions:

1. Should I apply this concept or practice to my business or personal life?
2. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]

Comment:



[Bruce’s scripture references: Jn 15:16a, Php 4:13, Jn 15:8a, Eph 6:5-9, Mt 16:27; Rev 2:2 22:12 note the last passage where Jesus references reward]

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“The older I get, the more convinced I am that life is a testing ground so that Christ can reward you or me depending on what we proved we were like while we were here.” Bruce Wilkinson

Bruce states: “In this passage, [Lk 19:11-27] faithfulness was equal to taking one and making 10—that’s results.” He also stated in the previous session that this parable is not only about money; but potentially about anything we might do in our life on earth for Christ’s kingdom. Do you see applications in this teaching for every life endeavor? [Again consider Col 3:17-25 and discuss with your group]

Bruce contrasts the nobleman/king’s reward to the 10 mina steward [“well done” and responsibility for 10 cities] with the reward for the 5 mina servant [responsibility for 5 cities and no “well done”] When Bruce first realized the truth of this passage, he uncounted an implicit question: “Are you a 10 mina servant?” [share your reflections on his statement with your group]

What might a 10 mina person accomplish within your sphere of influence? What do you think it would take for you to become that person?

Hebrews 11:6 says that a starting place for true faith in God is that we “must believe that He is and that He is a faithful rewarder of those who serve Him.” In light of that truth, do you think the one mina servant exhibited true faith in God? [see Lk 19:20-21] Share your thoughts with your group...

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“He took the mina from the servant and gave it to the one who had been most productive. He didn’t give it to the servant who had made five.”

Dr. Bruce Wilkinson

Bruce said that after he began to grasp the significance of the Parable of the Minas, he began to feel an overwhelming sense of responsibility for his own productivity. If you reframe this parable to responsibilities of a parent, how might you determine the best candidate among you children to leave in charge of your estate? [if necessary, assume you have children]

Bruce contrasts the concept of productivity, vs. activities. How does this fit with Matthew 7:21-23?

In Bruce’s illustration of the 3000+ Ghanan pastors who taught to give all and wealth would follow, none could say that they were personally wealthy. Mt 16:27 and Rev 22:12 make it clear that Christ taught that our reward will come back with Him. Why do you think many Christians don’t believe this?

Though he did not mention it in this session, Bruce previously taught that the Greek word for **“reward”** in Rev 22:12 was actually synonymous with **“paycheck”**—a marketplace term. As a business steward, how does this term connect with you?

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“As your friend, the next time you give a million bucks or a dollar, ask yourself: Did you give this for my namesake, or not? You must give to make a difference for heaven and to do accomplish things that heaven celebrates.”—Dr. Bruce Wilkinson

Remembering that God’s ways are higher than man’s ways, why do you think Jesus would offer up a reward to give some the honor of sitting on His throne with Him in heaven? [Rev 3:21] Share your thoughts...

Revelation 2:26-27 and other passages portray some in heaven as sharing in Christ’s authority as a heavenly ruler. Since heaven itself is beyond the comprehension of man’s finite mind. Why do you think Jesus would give us knowledge on earth of this amazing snapshot of heaven?

What one thing stands out as the most surprising about the Parable of the Minas as a potentially transformational truth? [consider both your most intimate personal thoughts and your business life]

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