

I. Read Luke 19:11-27

- A. In verses 11-27, we read of Jesus using a parable to explain both the principles and responsibilities inherent in stewardship. This parable differs from the *parable of the talents* in Matthew 25:14-29. Read the Matthew passage and explain how it differs.

How are they similar?

- B. What do you think accounts for the difference with respect to the return of the first slave (verse 16) as compared to that of the second slave (verse 18)?
- C. In what way(s) has God entrusted us with resources to invest for Him?
- D. Relate the principles of stewardship to our particular church. What sort of things might we do to produce a greater yield from our investments of *time, talent* and *treasure*?
- E. How might the “worthless slave” described in verses 20-24 convey a picture of a very real danger for churches?

F. How does one know he/she is doing all he/she can to become a faithful steward?

What does Romans 12:1-2 say Christians should do, and how does this passage relate to Luke 19:11-27?

G. What can the good steward or faithful slave (servant) expect from God? (See verses 17, 19, 26.)