

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR JULY 26

THE POUNDS AND THE TALENTS.  
LESSON TEXT—Luke 19:11-27, cf. Matt. 25:14-30.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter into the joy of thy lord." Matt. 25:21 R. V.

We are told plainly why Jesus spoke the first parable (v. 11). We must beware of confusing these two parables though they are one in their essential teachings.

The parable of the pounds was uttered before the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem while that of the talents was spoken subsequently. This association does not mean identity for each has a separate lesson. Both have to do with an absent lord whose return was imminent. The Jews looked for a temporal visible Kingdom and many were associating the earthly life of our Lord with that expected manifestation. Hence this parable as recorded by Luke.

### Issue Is Fidelity.

I. "Occupy Till I Come," vv. 11-14. Both of these parables have to do with the return of an absent lord who will then establish his kingdom. In view of this return and consummation, his servants are to give their undivided attention to their immediate responsibilities. They are to trade, to do business with that that has been entrusted to them. They are to actively discharge their duty. Ere the visible kingdom is established, Jesus told these Jews, there must be a period of preparation. Jesus, himself, is the "nobleman" whose ascension into heaven where he is to receive a kingdom fulfills the "departure into a far country." He will return to set up that kingdom, Acts 1:9-11, with "all authority," Matt. 28:18 R. V., Eph. 1:18-23; 1 Pet. 3:22. He may return at any time. In neither parable is there a full description of the kingdom as it is to be established, for both have to do with the servant's. The issue is that of fidelity in each case.

The "citizens" (v. 14) include his proper subjects the Jews, John 1:11; Acts 4:27-28, and in this connection we recall their cry, "Away with him, cruelly," Luke 23:18; John 19:15. These "citizens," also include all of his professed followers but not necessarily regenerated men, Matt. 7:22-23. The king gives to each servant (v. 13) a pound (about \$18.00). His deposit is equal in each case. In the parable of the talents there is a difference in the amounts bestowed. This last emphasizes the fact that each is to be held responsible according to the measure of his own personal ability. Putting these two together we see that all the servants of the king are responsible for the one pound which is a symbol of the common fact of the kingdom power. At the same time the servant is also responsible for that common power according to the measure in which he is able to deal with it. The small amount of one pound indicates our responsibility for the smallest gifts.

### Parable of Pounds.

II. "When He Was Returned," vv. 15-30. The parable of the pounds was spoken to those who thought he must at once establish his kingdom of God. That of the talents was given in answer to the disciples' inquiry as to when certain things which he had foretold would take place. Upon his return all these servants will be summoned before him, Matt. 25:18, Rom. 14:10-12, II Cor. 5:10. As Jesus stood there, he, likewise of that as of all other ages, saw ahead of him Jerusalem with its scourging, suffering and death. He also saw beyond that his resurrection and departure to receive a kingdom (v. 12), a period therefore in this world during which his servants shall be responsible for the care of his interests, a time during which they shall occupy, do business with what he has entrusted them of the kingdom authority and power. All of this will culminate in his return when he will deal with those to whom this responsibility has been given, and then establish finally his kingdom. In the parable Jesus deals with each servant separately, and emphasizes the fact of stewardship. The pound belonged to the king. For his faithfulness the first servant received, v. 17, (a) the king's commendation and (b) authority over ten cities. Later, (v. 24) he also received another pound. The second did not give quite so good a report, and his reward lacked the approbation of the king, though he is placed over "five cities." His reward was in proportion to his faithfulness.

The third report was bad. It reveals neglect, laziness, and a wrong conception regarding the king. He sought to excuse his sloth by blaming another. The excuses of the sinner always condemn himself, not God, and augment the sinner's guilt. The "wicked servant" lost what he must not lose. If we will not use we must lose. Doubtless this servant considered himself unfortunate, though he was judged "out of his own mouth." Reverting again to those citizens who hated him and would not have the king to "reign over them," Jesus closes his parable (v. 27).

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This 20th day of June, 1914.  
R. W. HANCOCK, Adm.  
Seagrave, N. C. R. F. D.

### SUBJECTS FOR FARMERS TO DISCUSS

Now that the time for the Farmers' Institutes is coming on and farmers should be more interested than at any other time of the year in the discussion of matters pertaining to their work, the following live subjects taken from Colorado Agricultural College and presented by the Progressive Farmer for the farmers to discuss are interesting and timely:

1. Do country schools train boys and girls for farm life?
2. Which is better on the farm, a bathtub or automobile?
3. Does speculation help to fix farm prices?
4. Cost and benefits of an agricultural college education.
5. How can consumer buy direct from producer?
6. Do mothers teach daughters through housekeeping?
7. How does the experiment station help the farmer?
8. How to beautify homes, schools and churches.
9. Does the farmer know how much he has invested in the farm?
10. Is the rector or the retired farmer the least interested in the welfare of the community?
11. Who has the best kept farm in the community?
12. Are teachers and preachers practical in their work?
13. Do housewives favor the teaching of domestic science?
14. Why do many farmers neglect to paint their buildings?
15. Why do farmers permit weeds to grow in roads and fence rows?
16. Do farmers make use of the parcel post service?
17. How can the county fair be improved?
18. Why do many farmers neglect to scrub animal on the farm?
19. Is there such a thing as farm arithmetic?
20. Does agricultural work help the farmers?
21. Does the housewife use labor-saving devices as much as the farmer?
22. Do some farmers waste their labor and profit by planting poor seed?
23. What is the strongest influence that keeps boys on the farm?
24. Should the schoolhouse be made a meeting place for the community at least once a month?

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Tract No. 1. Beginning at a stake near barn, thence N 62 deg. East 23 poles to post oak, thence N 87 1/2 deg. East 22 poles to a stake, thence S 68 deg. East 14 poles to stake thence N 80 1/2 deg. East 41 poles to white oak near road in original line, thence N on said line 67 poles to black oak, original corner, thence west on Newlin's line 82 poles to stake in said line, thence S 12 deg. West 85 poles to beginning corner, containing 41 acres more or less.

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This sale is made under the power contained in said mortgage empowering the undersigned to make sale of said lands in the event of default being made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage; said default having been made, his sale is accordingly made under the power.

This July 2, 1914.  
MRS. K. J. McDOWELL,  
Mortgagee.

### NOTICE.

HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor on the estate of D. H. Miller, deceased, before W. C. HAMMOND, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises on 2nd day of August, 1914, one horse, two buggies, two wagons, one set one horse wagon harness one set of buggy harness a lot of farming tools, a lot of household and kitchen furniture and other articles too tedious to mention.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 15th day of July, 1915 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 11th day of July 1914.  
T. L. MILLER,  
Executor,  
Pipe, N. C.

### NOTICE.

Having qualified as Adm. C. T. A. on the estate of James Jordan, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph county, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 27th day of June, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 20th day of June, 1914.  
WINCY C. JORDAN,  
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HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator on the estate of Solomon Williams, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph county.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 11th day of July, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 7th day of July, 1914.  
D. W. McCORN, Adm.,  
Seagrave, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Arthur Miller, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior court of Randolph county, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 1st day of August, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the estate are expected to make immediate payment and settlement.

This 7th day of July, 1914.  
Gertrude R. Hill,  
Administrator of Arthur Miller, deceased.

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E. O. YORK.

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