

TO HELP US STUDY

1. In Jesus' parable, why did the nobleman go away? _____
2. How many servants did he call to him? _____ How much money did he give to each of them? _____
3. What were they supposed to do with the money? _____
4. What did the man want to know when he returned home? _____
5. How much had the first man gained? _____ The second man? _____ The third man? _____
6. What had this last man done with his money? _____
7. Why had he done this? _____
8. What did the nobleman do with this man's money? _____
9. When someone objected to this, what did the nobleman say? _____
10. What should we do with all God has given to us? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Luke 19:26, "To everyone who has, more will be given."
Older ones—Luke 19:24-26

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

First, list on the back of this sheet five other scriptures that teach the same lesson as this parable. *Second*, in a paragraph or two, explain the idea, "To everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away." Is this just?

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Probably the first question to cross your mind will be this: What is a *mina* (or if you are reading the RSV or KJV, a *pound*)? These are feeble attempts to translate Greek coin names into recognizable English terms. Values for ancient coins are almost impossible to compute accurately, since the basic weights varied widely in different places and times. And weights for silver differed from the same measures in gold. Further complicating the problem is the fact that modern money values keep fluctuating. The Living Bible, using 1970 values, inserted \$2,000 as the worth of each mina. That is a wild guess, obviously much distorted by a quarter of a century of inflation. But it's probably as good a value as any for us to use in telling the story to our kids.

Those who were stumped in trying to find out what a "mina" (or "pound") was may be interested to know how to find out such stuff for yourself. Any up-to-date Bible handbook or Bible dictionary will contain money and weight tables. They are also loaded with good information about most of the people, places, and things in the Bible. Good books like this can greatly ease our task of teaching and will enrich our children's study. If we're serious about Bible study, we need such books in our homes.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Col 3:17, 23; Rom 12:1, 6; 1 Cor 12:1-11; Mt 22:37; Phil 3:7-8.