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Creek Notes

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Live Like You Were Dying

Luke 19:1-26

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”⁹Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

How would you respond if the Author of Salvation, Jesus, came to your house today?

Luke 19:11-27

¹¹While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. ¹²He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. ¹³So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. He said, ‘Do business with this money until I come back.’¹⁴“But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’¹⁵“He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained by doing business.¹⁶“The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten times as much.’¹⁷““Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been faithful in a small thing, take charge of ten cities.’¹⁸“The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five times as much.’¹⁹“His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’²⁰“Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. ²¹I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’²²“His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? ²³Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’²⁴“Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’²⁵““Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’²⁶“He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ²⁷But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”

What Time, Talents and Treasures has God given you to use for His Kingdom?

Luke 9:23-26

²³And Jesus said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or destroys himself? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

What does God want you to deny yourself in order to follow Him?

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