

## Use It Or Lose It!

Luke 19:11-27

- 1) The ultimate kingdom of God will occur at Jesus' future *return*
  - a) Though God's kingdom came w/ Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus first had to depart before returning to receive His full kingdom—yet future
  - b) When Jesus departed, He gave gifts to His people to build His Church (Eph. 4:8-12)
  - c) When Jesus returns, His people will be held accountable for how they used His gifts
    - i) The faithful will be given great responsibilities in eternity
    - ii) The unfaithful are rebuked & forfeit eternal rewards
    - iii) The truly diligent will receive more than the rest
  - d) Those who object to Jesus as King will be judged severely
- 2) The will of God is being accomplished during Jesus' absence
  - a) God will banish Israel's rebellion & redeem the remnant while we await Christ's return
  - b) God is daily molding all who await Christ's return
  - c) God's delay allows Him to draw all His elect to Christ (2 Pet. 3:3-9)
- 3) All our possessions belong to God who gave them to us, to be used for His glory, not ours
  - a) He owns our bodies & abilities
  - b) He owns our time
  - c) He owns our wealth
- 4) Application question: *What has God given you, and what are you doing with it?*

