

MORE OPPORTUNITY

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Read Luke 19:11-26 "The Parable of the Minas"

"The Parable of the Minas" tells the story of an austere master who gave a mina to each of ten servants with instructions to "put this money to work." Upon the master's return he discovered one servant, who had feared his master's wrath if disobedient, was able to return the mina with a ten-fold gain through hard work and calculated risks. The austere and demanding master praised this servant and gave him ten MORE opportunities.

A second servant who also feared his master also worked and took calculated risks with his mina. When this servant returned a five-fold gain, his master praised him and gave him five MORE opportunities.

A third servant also feared his master but hid his mina in a piece of cloth - not even in a bank to earn interest! The master took the mina from this "wicked servant" and gave it to the ten-fold servant.

Playing it safe limits God's work in our lives because, in truth, it is an act of disobedience. God has given us a responsibility to work toward His goals and purposes. Following His Son Jesus entails risks that require faith and Holy Spirit inspiration. Just as foreign missionaries are often called to take that "risky" step of faith and get creative, so we at EPAG are being called out of safe-mode and into a place where God can do abundantly MORE through us in our community. Start praying now for a Holy Spirit revelation of your part in our MORE journey!

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we want to multiply your love. We want your kingdom to come and your will to be done in our lives, families, church and nation. Forgive us if we've played it safe, and grant us boldness to step out in faith so you can do more through us. Amen.

QUESTION

What are the "minas" God has given you? How are you using those gifts for God?

CHALLENGE

Put your gifts to work today by blessing someone with a cup of water, a meal, or a tank of gas.

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