



# Perceptions

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## Luke 19: 12 - 27

<sup>12</sup> He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.

<sup>13</sup> Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’



# Luke 19: 12 - 27

<sup>16</sup> The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.'



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<sup>17</sup> And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.'



## Luke 19: 12 - 27

<sup>18</sup> And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.'

<sup>19</sup> And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'



## Luke 19: 12 - 27

<sup>20</sup> Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; <sup>21</sup> for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'



## Luke 19: 12 - 27

<sup>22</sup> He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow?



## Luke 19: 12 - 27

<sup>23</sup> Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’

<sup>24</sup> And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.





# Luke 19: 12 - 27

<sup>25</sup> And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!

<sup>26</sup> 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken.



# Ephesians 4: 11 - 16

<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for **building up** the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to **mature**



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manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,<sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in

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love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.



# Isaiah 1: 11 - 19

<sup>11</sup> “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.



# Isaiah 1: 11 - 19

<sup>12</sup> “When you come to appear before me, who has required of youth is trampling of my courts?  
<sup>13</sup> Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.



# Isaiah 1: 11 - 19

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood



# Isaiah 1: 11 - 19

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.





# Isaiah 1: 11 - 19

**18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:**

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land



# Proverbs 22: 6

<sup>6</sup> Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.



# Ephesians 5: 8 - 20

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

<sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord.



# Ephesians 5: 8 - 20

<sup>14</sup> This is why it is said:  
“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”  
<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how  
you live—not as unwise but as  
wise,



# Ephesians 5: 8 - 20



**16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.** **17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.** **18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

# Ephesians 5: 8 - 20

<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## 1 John 3: 21 - 22

<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.



## James 4: 3

<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.





# 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 12

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing



# 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 12

<sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.



# 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 12

<sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



# 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 12

<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known..



# 1 Samuel 15: 20 - 23

<sup>20</sup> And Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction.



# 1 Samuel 15: 20 - 23

<sup>21</sup> But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.



# 1 Samuel 15: 20 - 23

<sup>22</sup> And Samuel said,  
“Has the LORD as great delight  
in burnt offerings and sacrifices,  
as in obeying the voice of the  
LORD? Behold, to obey is better  
than sacrifice, and to listen than  
the fat of rams.



# 1 Samuel 15: 20 - 23

<sup>23</sup> For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.”





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Matthew 7:21: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22: On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

Matthew 7:23: And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Matthew 24:12: And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.



## 1 Peter 5:5:

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”



1 Peter 5:6:

Humble yourselves,  
therefore, under the mighty  
hand of God so that at the  
proper time he may exalt  
you,

(7) casting all your anxieties  
on him, because he cares  
for you.



1 Peter 5:8:

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour..



# 1 Peter 5: 9

<sup>9</sup> But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.



## 1 Peter 5: 10

<sup>10</sup> After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.





# Psalm 51: 9 - 19

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup>  
Create in me a clean heart, O  
God, and renew a right spirit  
within me. <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away  
from your presence, and take  
not your Holy Spirit from me.



# Psalm 51: 9 - 19

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness..



# Psalm 51: 9 - 19

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup> For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.



# Psalm 51: 9 - 19

<sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; <sup>19</sup> then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

