

**“Should you not then have put my money in the bank  
so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?”**

Jesus told several parables about people given responsibility for different quantities of talents and the consequences for the recipients who used their talents well in contrast to the recipients who failed to use their talents at all. Jesus seems to act harshly toward the person in the stories who receives the least amount and does nothing with it. The lesson of these stories is not that the people who receive the least amount of talents did not have much to work with. Jesus is teaching us that no matter how much or how little for which God makes us responsible, God expects us to make our best effort to make the most of it. It is not about the amount of the talents. It is about the amount of the effort. A steward is a person who is given the responsibility for the preservation and *productivity* of the possessions of another. Everything we are and have comes from God. He expects us to be good stewards and make the most of it.



**Readings for the week: (November 16-21)**

Monday

Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5

Ps. 1:1-2,3,4,6

Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday

Revelation 3:1-6,14-22

Ps. 15:2-3a,3bc-4ab,5

Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday

Revelation 4:1-11

Ps 150:1b-2,3-4,5-6

Luke 19:11-28

Thursday

Revelation 5:1-10

Ps. 149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a,9b

Luke 19:41-44

Friday

Revelation 10:8-11

Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131

Luke 19:45-48

Saturday

Revelation 11:4-12

Ps 144:1,2,9-10

Luke 20:27-40