



## **Risks & God-Ordained Uncertainties**

**[Luke 19:11-27, Ecclesiastes 11:4-6]**

### **Have you ever started out a business?**

What was that like? How did you emotionally handle all the risks involved?

### **Share a decision that you made because you thought it was God's will, only to have the results come out differently from what you expected.**

Did you later question whether you heard God's will correctly? What assumptions were behind that question?

### **Have you ever used spirituality to hide and run away from risk and failure?**

(eg: having a super-spiritual view of dating so you didn't need to take healthy risks in relationships)

### **What would be the pro's and con's of receiving an email from God every morning that listed every "correct" decision we'd need to make that day?**

What's the difference between a healthy risk and a reckless one?

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### **Why does God so generously reward the first two servants for essentially "winning the lottery" through their investments?**

In the passage, why do you think God is so hard on the 3rd servant who kept the mina in a handkerchief?

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### **We can be very "hard on ourselves" when our results fall short of expectations. We can feel like it's our fault.**

On the flip-side, who deserves the credit when results turn out overwhelmingly positive? In what way is "being hard on ourselves" actually an expression of pride?

### **As human beings, we never know all the details of what the future holds.**

Things that seem certain today can easily be gone tomorrow. As a result, it's unwise to become heavily "attached" or "involved" to any single thing--except God of course. Have you ever over-invested in something because you assumed it would always be there for you?