

# *“Occupy Till I Come”*

Luke 19:11-27



## **OCCUPY TILL I COME**

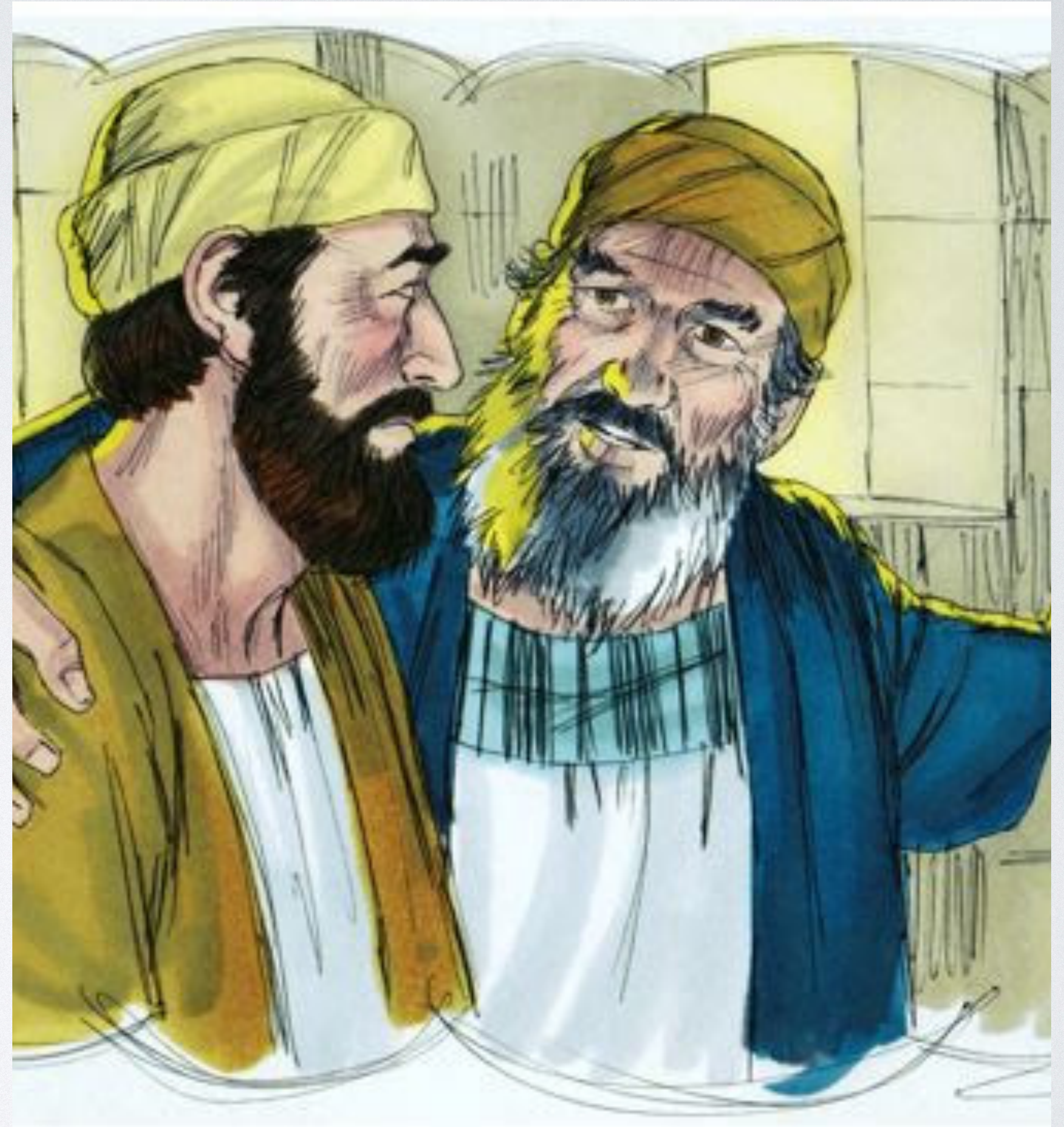
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# TEXT: LUKE 19:11-27

**Memory Verse:** And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living –

**Luke 15:13**





# OUTLINES

- INTRODUCTION & TEXT REVIEW
- WHAT THE 'POUND' REPRESENTS
- WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH 'THE POUND'
- CONCLUSION



# INTRODUCTION & TEXT REVIEW

- The phrase “Occupy till I Come” is a biblical reference found specifically Lk. 19:13
  - NKJV: Do business till I come
  - NIV: Put this money to work till I come
  - NLT: Invest this for me while I am gone
  - MSG: Operate with this until I return
- Occupy means to *hold down, engage, busy, distract, fill, seize, capture*. In our context it means to ‘do business, trade, invest’ - **Matt. 12:43-45**
- This phrase is part of a parable told by Jesus, commonly known as the parable of the Minas, literally pounds given to the servants in this parable is ‘money’
- **Text Review: Luke 19:11-27**



# WHAT THE 'POUND' REPRESENTS

The pound in this context represents the resource that God has given to a person to help them fulfil their life's purpose. This includes your

1. Breathe of life - **2 Cor. 5:15**
2. Salvation - **Acts 9:13-15**
3. Good health - **Mark 5:18-20**
4. Variety of resources - **1 Cor. 22:5; Luke 10:33-35**
5. Influence - **Esther 4:12-17**
6. Anointing/grace - **1 Cor. 15:10**
7. Knowledge of God - **Eph. 3:2-5** and
8. Spiritual gifts /talents - **1 Cor. 12:4-7**



# **For Discussion**

What are the other 'Pounds' that the Lord has given to Believers?



# WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH 'THE POUND'

You can spend your 'pound' in one of three ways -

- (i) Spend 'the pound' frivolously
- (ii) Keep the 'the pound' or
- (iii) to invest 'the pound'

To spend the pound frivolously is to think that everything God has given you is only for your self-satisfaction and comfort - **Lk. 12:16-21. Some examples:**

- I. **Samson** spent his 'pound' (strength) on strange women - **Judges 14:1-3; 16:1**; strength that was meant to deliver his people from their enemies, but he missed it **Judges 13:5**

He was killing the enemies without acknowledging God as his source of strength and victories - **judges 15:16**. He wasted his anointing and lost his uncommon power on the laps of Delilah **Judges 16:18-21**



# WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH ‘THE POUND’

2. **Solomon** enjoyed God's help - **1 Kings 2:12** but was full of self. He took God's grace for granted and spent his 'pound' on strange women who turned his heart away from God **1 Kings 11:1-4**. The breakthrough, promotion, deliverance etc. we enjoy is to do good works and propagate the kingdom of God and not for self-gratification **Mk. 15:43-46; Gen. 41:39-41, 51; Mk. 5:1-20**
3. **Nebuchadnezzar** - **Daniel 4:29-33**: Such people pride themselves in their secular achievements and boasts about 'my hard-earned money', 'my intelligence or wisdom' 'my plan or strategy etc. they do not acknowledge the 'god-factor' in their achievements nor offer the praise and glory due to him - **Acts 12:21-23**
4. **The prodigal Son** - **Luke 15:12-13**: There are some people wasting their God-given potentials on things that have no eternal value. Some even use their 'pounds' to entertain the world and not for the propagation of the gospel of the expansion of the kingdom of God on earth



# CONCLUSION

What are you doing with 'the pound' given to you by God? Make up your mind not to be wasteful like the characters above